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President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and President George Bush enjoying a light moment together Friday before beginning their third round of talks at the White House.

Gorbachev and Bush Sign Understandings On Nuclear Arms Cuts

By David Hoffman
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The United States and the Soviet Union signed a historic statement Friday that outlines the main points of a strategic arms reduction treaty and proposes objectives for a future accord slashing nuclear arsenals by 50 percent.

President George Bush said that the two sides would also sign a long-term agreement on grain sales and a commercial agreement. But he made it clear that the United States was not yet prepared to grant the Soviet Union most favored nation trade status, saying, "We are looking forward to the passage of the Soviet emigration law."

The arms-control document also included objectives on conventional force cuts in Europe and the two nations' use of space weapons. "We agree that a CFE treaty is an indispensable foundation for the future of European security," Mr. Bush said.

They signed documents imposing a halt in the production of chemical weapons and requiring them to cut their poison gas stocks to 5,000 tons each.

"Let this landmark agreement quickly lead to a global ban on these weapons," Mr. Bush said.

Overcoming last-minute obstacles that had threatened to delay the signing of the agreements, Mr. Bush and President Mikhail S. Gorbachev met in the late after-

noon at the White House for the ceremony.

"We set an agenda six months ago on the island nation of Malta and we have made great progress," Mr. Bush said, adding that much work remains to be done.

Earlier, President Gorbachev expressed irritation at U.S. reluctance to grant the Soviet Union special trading status and appealed to U.S. congressional leaders to take a step

Surprise meeting between the Soviet and South Korean leaders is shaking up Asian politics. Page 4.

that he said would mark a symbolic end to the Cold War and recognize that Moscow had relaxed its emigration policies.

Mr. Gorbachev issued his appeal on the second day of his summit meeting with Mr. Bush dominated by the question of military arrangements for a unified Germany. The Soviet leader presented Mr. Bush with a proposal to replace NATO and the Warsaw Pact with a new European security structure after talks Thursday devoted to the German question.

After a two-hour meeting Friday morning, Mr. Gorbachev said that he and Mr. Bush had "gone two-thirds of the way" and made "a lot of progress" in reaching agreement on strategic arms reductions, the negotiating process known as START.

Escorting his Soviet guest, Mr. Bush signaled some difficulties in reaching agreement on all issues, but said that there would be agreements on "some things."

While there will be "complications," he said, "We measure it by whether the glass is half empty or half full."

Mr. Gorbachev expressed irritation about the U.S. reluctance to sign a trade agreement and give Moscow special trading status.

"Certainly we are not asking for a free ride," he told the congressional leaders Friday at the Soviet Embassy, appealing to them to approve the trade agreement.

Mr. Gorbachev spoke forcefully about the Soviet Union's desire to conclude a trade agreement. The details of the treaty have been completed, but Mr. Bush has said that it could not be consummated until the Soviet parliament codifies in law a new emigration policy and until Moscow's economic blockade of Lithuania is eased.

Last week, Mr. Bush approved the renewal of most-favored-nation status for China, despite criticism by some congressmen of China's human-rights record.

Mr. Gorbachev delivered a long, unyielding defense of his crackdown on Lithuania, and then appealed to the U.S. Congress not to set conditions on the Soviet Union.

"It is really not for the Congress to decide what we should do and which laws we should adopt," he said.

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Baltics Want to Work With Yeltsin on Autonomy

By Celestine Bohlen
New York Times Service

MOSCOW — In a dramatic display of solidarity between the Soviet Union's rebellious republics, official representatives from Lithuania and Estonia met on Friday with Boris N. Yeltsin, the newly elected president of the Russian Republic, to discuss future cooperation.

The Lithuanian president, Vytautas Landsbergis, stopping in Moscow on his way home to deal with the crisis caused by the continuing Soviet blockade on oil and gas supplies, met privately with Mr. Yeltsin and one of his top advisers, Mikhail Bocharov.

Latter, Martin Lamistins, deputy chairman of the Estonian parliament, addressed the full Congress of the Russian Republic, and encouraged the Russian deputies to adopt a declaration of sovereignty. "We know from our experience what contradictions, what economic, social and political difficulties

lie ahead," Miss Lamistins said. "We want to tell you not to be afraid to move forward."

Miss Lamistins, speaking in the name of the Estonian Supreme Soviet, congratulated Mr. Yeltsin on his election and, to applause from the hall, offered a bouquet of flowers to the new Russian president.

Calling for unity, bilateral links between the Soviet republics, Mr. Yeltsin said this week that the Russian Republic should negotiate its first contracts with the Baltic republics, which have gone the furthest in their attempts to break out from the Soviet Union.

"I consider that Russia should first conclude a treaty with the Baltic republics, and then afterwards with all the rest who so desire, on an equal basis," he told reporters on the day of his election.

A debate on Russia's sovereignty will begin in the Congress of the Russian Republic next week.

But already different views have emerged on the definition of sovereignty, with some seeing it as a symbolic gesture and others as an act of political and economic defiance.

Mr. Yeltsin's program calls for virtually full economic autonomy, giving the republic the right to set the prices for its products and resources — most significantly for oil and gas.

The Russian Republic accounts for 90 percent of the Soviet Union's oil output and 70 percent of its natural gas.

But it is still unclear, as the Russian Republic struggles to define its rights, how far it will be able to go in implementing them — for instance, whether it will be technically and physically able to control the pipelines and railroads that now tie the Soviet Union together.

Given these problems, the significance of Friday's meetings was largely symbolic, but still highly charged at a time when other republics in the Soviet Union are asserting their independence. This week, for instance, the Moldavian Republic formally recognized Lithuania's right to independence.

Mr. Yeltsin's hour-long meeting with Mr. Landsbergis was another sign of his determination to chart a course that is independent of — even at odds with — official Soviet policy.

Since Lithuania declared its independence on March 11, Mr. Landsbergis has been shunned by the Soviet president, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, and most oil and gas supplies to the republic have been shut off.

The Kremlin's harsh treatment of Lithuania — the Baltic republic which has so far, made the most abrupt break with the Soviet Union — is an issue at the Washington summit meeting, where United States officials continue to press

Mr. Gorbachev to start a dialogue with Lithuanian leaders.

The Soviet leader continues to insist that before talks can begin, the Lithuanian parliament must agree to suspend its declaration of independence, which it has so far refused to do.

In Washington this week, Mr. Gorbachev again dismissed the Baltic independence leaders as "adventurists."

Friday's hour-long meeting between Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Landsbergis was first announced by the Lithuanian news agency ELTA. A Lithuanian spokesman in Moscow said the talks opened "long-term prospects for the future."

Mr. Bocharov declined to give any details on the discussions, and showed surprise that the private meeting had been made public. He said the meeting did not take place at the Lithuanian representation in

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Seductive Showman at Work

By Bill Keller
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev showed his softer side to a crowd of American entertainment, literary, political and academic figures and proved in the process that however cool the audience at home he is still a seductive performer on the road.

Over a bonafide luncheon of chicken Kiev and caviar at the Soviet Embassy, Mr. Gorbachev talked of his resolute consumers and Baltic separatists move in the tone of a parent reared by impatient children and appealing for consideration than a leader dangled by critics.

Many of the guests said they were struck by Mr. Gorbachev's evident serenity and self-assurance, especially considering his burden of domestic political and economic problems and the magnitude of the topics under discussion in his talks with President George Bush.

"I guess I expected to see a man who looked visibly aged, worn, and a little uptight," said Stephen F. Cohen, a Princeton University historian and frequent visitor to the Soviet Union. "Just the opposite."

Though his hair is a little whiter, he was as relaxed, as graceful and as quick to laugh and smile as I've ever seen him.

Henry A. Kissinger, the former national security adviser, said of Mr. Gorbachev: "He was relaxed and seemed at ease with himself."

Mr. Kissinger said he found the show of calm "amazing" and

'He was relaxed and seemed at ease with himself.'

Heary A. Kissinger

a promising sign for the tenor of the summit conference.

Mr. Gorbachev also demonstrated his aplomb by working the crowds on the streets of Washington, plunging into the American masses to their delight and the evident distress of his security guards.

Hopping out of his limousine Friday for the second and straight day during a brief detour as his entourage was returning to the

Soviet Embassy from a summit session at the White House, he shook hands with several people and crossed the wide avenue to greet more people.

At one point in the luncheon Thursday, in his rambling, opening monologue, the Soviet leader complained about Lithuania's declaration of independence in March, but his usual frosty anger at this insubordination gave way to words that seemed more like mild exasperation at a move that has put him in a bind.

"After that, they are at a loss what to do, and we are at a loss what to do," he said.

Mr. Gorbachev was at ease enough to digress into light banter on the painful subject of his failed economy, and the complaints that his government's planned five-year transition to a more market-oriented system is too little, too slow.

"Someone said that it is difficult to be half-pregnant with a market economy," Mr. Gorbachev said. "I said, I agree, but, at any rate, one has to wait nine months before a child is born."

From a neighboring table, one of his economic advisers, Stanislav S. Shatalin, interjected that See GORBACHEV, Page 4

Lawmakers at a Loss for Words

By Maureen Dowd
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — If a KGB villain in a spy novel had devised a fiendish torture for American politicians, it could not have been more effective than the one Mikhail S. Gorbachev inflicted on congressional leaders Friday.

Mr. Gorbachev invited 11 Democratic and Republican lawmakers to the Soviet Embassy for a question-and-answer session, televised live on Cable News Network. Then he did all the talking.

The legislators were primed to put the Soviet president on the spot with some tart questions that would impress the folks at home. But when Mr. Gorbachev began answering his first question, a query posed by Senator George Mitchell about the Soviet economy, the lawmakers around the table watched in growing

consternation as the Soviet leader dined on about state property, collective property, comparative property, lease property, private property, shareholders, societies, lease-holds, private initiatives and entrepreneurship.

They knew they were in trouble when Mr. Gorbachev said "this is a very important matter and therefore a bit of history is necessary." He finished 28 minutes later, half the allotted time for questions.

For his second question, on Lithuania, the Soviet leader took 10 minutes to lecture on Soviet shipping rights in the Lithuanian port of Klaipeda.

Senator Bob Dole looked on with a tight smile. Senator Lloyd Bentsen rubbed his forehead wearily. Senator Sam Nunn offered a glazed stare. Representative Richard Gephardt and Sen-

ator Alan Cranston looked like Mount Rushmore candidates.

As a closet reformer, Mr. Gorbachev long ago developed a talent for filibuster.

When Mr. Gorbachev met with congressional leaders at the 1987 summit meeting, even the biggest skeptics came away rhapsodizing about his political finesse, marveling that he was just like them.

This time, he was indeed. "He does have long answers," Mr. Dole noted wryly. "He'd fit right in in the Senate."

Mr. Gorbachev found a sympathetic fellow executive in George Bush, who often meets with the same legislators. Greeting the Soviet president at the White House afterwards, Mr. Bush told him he had seen the session on television.

"You earned your paycheck," Mr. Bush assured him.

Western aid, already diminishing, increasingly will be conditional on more respect for human rights.

Only France, which has long seen its role in West Africa as an enhancement of its global stature, seems ready to make any effort to "help contain the collapse in order to foster change for the better," a French official said. French troops in West Africa have often been used to protect or depose leaders, but military intervention could damage the French government domestically, officials say.

Partly because of French military interventions in Zaire and in Chad over the years, French-speaking

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Berlin to End Border Control

BERLIN (Reuters). — East Germany said on Friday it would end all border controls around West Berlin beginning July 1, effectively removing the city nearly three decades after it was split by the Berlin Wall.

On Wednesday the government announced that by July 2 it would reopen all roads severed by the Berlin Wall. The government said all obligatory document checks would stop from July 1, but there could still be occasional spot checks by customs officials.

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ON THE SQUARE — The Communist Party leader Jiang Zemin, left, and Prime Minister Li Peng wearing red scarves of the Young Pioneers during International Children's Day celebrations Friday in Beijing's Tiananmen Square as China's government closed off the square to unauthorized activities, a year after the army crushed the student democracy movement. Page 2.

The World Cup And the Money

Soccer's monthlong World Cup tournament, which begins June 8 in Milan, will be not only the globe's most-watched sports competition but also one with major financial implications. In a special series of articles, illustrated in color, Tuesday's editions of the International Herald Tribune will reveal the commercial magnitude of the World Cup while looking at prospects on the dozen playing fields involved.



'Afro-Pessimism' Sets In as Experts Predict Broad Turmoil

By Joseph Fitchett
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Mounting unrest in West African nations signals an era of turmoil and worsening deprivation throughout black Africa as the postcolonial political order collapses, Western officials say.

"Afro-pessimism" is pervasive among European and American officials and analysts, who forecast a decade of spreading disorder and economic decay in black Africa with the demise of the authoritarian systems led by the postindependence generation of leaders.

Troubles in French-speaking Gabon and Zaire and in Liberia are premonitory shocks of a broader upheaval, they say, as Africans rebel against governments that brought independence but then succumbed to corruption and tribalism.

Since the 1960s, Africa had offered enough overall stability to keep alive hopes for economic improvement, but many regimes have become so discredited

that Western governments are reluctant to support their leaders.

"They will collapse like the regimes in Eastern Europe," a U.S. official said, "with the fundamental difference that they will not be getting the same kind of economic and political help to improve their countries afterwards."

MONROVIA, Liberia — President Samuel K. Doe, besieged by anti-government rebels, said Friday that he would not seek re-election in 1991, and he appealed to the United States and other friendly nations to help end the six-month-old rebellion.

As Mr. Doe spoke, 2,100 Marines aboard four ships of the U.S. Navy's 6th Fleet were on their way to Liberia.

The U.S. Marines' task is to safeguard the lives and property of Americans and other foreign nationals and, if necessary, help evacuate them from Liberia. Military transport aircraft are aboard the ships, and

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

U.S. Navy Ships Head for Liberia

the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are illiterate has increased from 1.2 billion to 1.5 billion. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to reach 1.7 billion by the year 2015. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to reach 1.7 billion by the year 2015.

Tracking a Killer in Skies: Wind Shear Radar Comes of Age

By Don Phillips
Washington Post Service

DENVER — A new radar system designed to protect airlines in the United States from a weather phenomenon that has killed more than 650 people in the last quarter century went into regular operation at Stapleton International Airport in Denver on Friday.

The radar system, which is designed to detect dangerous wind shears, is the first of those that are to be installed within a decade at major airports across the nation.

The deployment of the radar system culminates years of research prompted by the crash of Eastern Airlines Flight 66 at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York on June 24, 1975.

That crash was the first that led experts to believe that something besides pilot er-

ror was knocking airliners from the sky on takeoffs and landings.

Wind shear is an abrupt and often invisible movement of air, the deadliest of which is the microburst. A microburst is a shaft of cold air that races toward the earth at high speed, often from thunderstorms, spreading in all directions as it hits the ground.

It exists briefly, but can be extremely damaging. Microbursts of up to 70 miles per hour (113 kilometers per hour) tipped hundreds of trees from the ground and damaged homes in Washington on June 14, 1989.

When a jetliner flies into a microburst on takeoff or landing, the plane faces a sudden head wind, then a tail wind, causing it to lose airspeed and possibly fall to earth.

Meteorologists believe that 35 U.S. airline crashes have been caused by microbursts since 1964, the latest being the crash

of Delta Air Lines Flight 191 at Dallas-Fort Worth on Aug. 2, 1985, in which 137 people died.

The 1975 Eastern Airlines crash in New York, which killed 113, was "the beginning of a certain type of awareness that led to today's system," said John McCarthy, director of the research applications program at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado.

The first 47 of the radar systems, called Terminal Doppler Weather Radar, will be installed from 1992 to 1995 in the eastern two-thirds of the United States—the area roughly east of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Phoenix, Arizona — at airports where thunderstorms are common. An additional 55 radars will be deployed in other locations including the West Coast.

On June 18, an experimental Doppler radar is to begin operation at Orlando,

Florida, to study whether wind shear is different in an area far more humid than Denver.

A Doppler radar forms a picture of air movement by detecting the action of things in the air, such as rain, or picked up by the air, such as seed pods.

"It sees mosquitoes very, very well," Mr. McCarthy said.

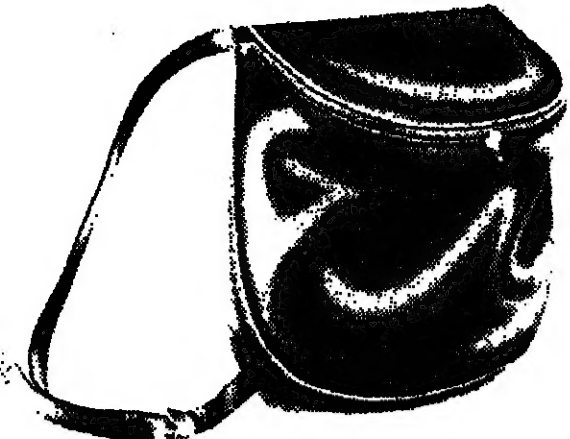
The radar is aided by 16 ground-based wind sensors at various points around the airport.

As the microburst air shaft starts down, the Doppler radar sometimes detects chases high in the atmosphere. In some cases, it can provide a minute or two warning before the burst hits the surface. It immediately detects the microburst when it hits and begins growing on the ground. It can take two to three minutes from the time a microburst hits the ground until it reaches full intensity.

The radar displays on a screen air movement that is color-coded for severity. A large red circle on the screen at or near the end of a runway prompts air-traffic controllers to issue an immediate wind-shear advisory, giving pilots the estimated amount of airspeed they will lose. The pilot must decide whether to try to land.

The radar has been tested over the past two summers at Denver, and may have saved several airlines. On July 11, 1988, five airlines in a row chose not to land as the radar detected a growing microburst that at its peak would have produced a wind speed loss of about 90 miles per hour, probably more than any airplane could survive.

The system of 102 Doppler radar installations is being built under a \$282.6 million contract with Raytheon Corp. The radar has tested at a 98 percent accuracy rate, officials said.



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U.S. Urged to Review Foreign Buyouts

By Martin Tolchin
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — A Defense Department panel has recommended that the U.S. government "actively intervene to maintain American ownership of industries critical to national security."

The panel urged in a report that the government obtain better data on industries identified as crucial, take steps to encourage them to remain in U.S. hands, and improve the oversight process of foreign acquisitions of U.S. companies.

The document, prepared by the Defense Science and Technology Office for Foreign Ownership Control of U.S. Industry, represents the latest broadside in a growing debate.

On one side are those who believe that the government should have a clearly defined industrial policy and work to nurture and save industries critical to national security and economic growth. On the other are those who advocate a laissez-faire approach and contend that Washington is ill-equipped to save failing industries.

The report was approved this week by the Defense Science and Technology Office for Foreign Ownership Control of U.S. Industry.

"The task force believes that the government should, after it makes

appropriate investigations and before weak firms are put up for sale, actively intervene to help negotiate U.S. mergers, provide refinancing, or offer other support to assist the critical industry," the report said.

The report noted that early last year Hitachi Corp. of Japan purchased Ceradac Corp., a small electronics company based in New York.

Before the buyout, Ceradac was chosen as one of two U.S. subcontractors to supply highly specialized ceramic "bodies" for a four-generation, ceramic single-memory chip carrier. "Two months after the buyout, Hitachi shut down Ceradac," the report said.

The report also cited the 1985 acquisition by Mitsubishi Co. of Japan of New Hampshire Ball Bearings, a manufacturer of miniature ball bearings needed to ensure the production of militarily critical parts in the United States.

Also, while Sony Corp.'s purchase of MRC Corp. gave the New York-based company access to needed capital and kept the company in the United States, the report noted, control of the only important U.S. maker of some specialized equipment for the manufacture of semiconductors was transferred to the Japanese.

The report also cited a built-in conflict with the panel that monitors foreign acquisitions of U.S. companies from the standpoint of national security, the Interagency Committee on Foreign Investment.

The chairman of the panel, a Treasury Department assistant sec-

retary, has a primary goal of alleviating the overall U.S. budget and foreign trade deficits.

"The main failure of the interagency committee, the report said, is that it does not take a long-term perspective in dealing with foreign ownership and control."



Donna Cook/The Associated Press

WORD PROCESSOR — Amy Dinsak raising her trophy after winning the National Spelling Bee in Washington. The Seattle eighth-grader, 13, correctly spelled fibranne, a fabric from spun-nylon yarn. The two-day contest included 226 youngsters who worked on 900 words. Amy also won \$5,000.

AMERICAN TOPICS

Some Mainers Refuse The Lobster Plate

Maine motorists who obliterate or alter the bright red lobster on their license plates are now free to do so. The Washington Post reports. The state has ordered its district attorneys not to prosecute protesters. And the dispute over the symbol roars on.

The protest is neither culinary nor political, but a symptom of class strife, according to George H. Lewis, a sociology professor at University of the Pacific, in California. He was born in Houlton, Maine, and raised in nearby Bar Harbor.

"A person of lower socioeconomic class, rural, longtime resident, and especially not living on the coast, is most likely to oppose the new plates," Professor Lewis says. "A person of middle-to-upper socioeconomic class, more recently arrived in Maine, urban-oriented, and a coastal resident, is more apt to see the lobster license plates as appropriate."

Carolyn Chute, who wrote "The Beans of Egypt, Maine," a best-selling novel about a poor inland family, says, "The lobster has no reality for most Mainers. If you wanted to show typical Maine food, you'd be more accurate with a potato. Or better still, how about macaroni and cheese?"

In a contest sponsored by the Maine Sunday Telegraph in Portland, a majority of entrants chose pine trees as the logical alternative to lobsters on license plates. Maine's nickname, after all, is the Pine Tree State. Lighthouses ran second.

Short Takes

The Ku Klux Klan has stood for racial and religious discrimination since the Civil War. But Judge Howard E. Cook of Gwinnett County State Court in Georgia has ruled that the Klan is a "persecuted group" whose free speech is restricted by a state ban on the wearing of masks except for recreational or

occupational use. David M. Fuller, chief assistant prosecutor for the county, immediately filed an appeal with the Georgia Supreme Court. "History," he said, "has shown time and again the Klan is a persecuting group."

Lyme disease, first discovered in Lyme, Connecticut, 15 years ago, has spread across 43 states and to Japan and much of Europe. The disease is transmitted by the bite of a tiny tick the size of a sesame seed whose favorite host is the common white-tailed deer. Once thought to cause little more than flu-like symptoms, rash and joint pains, Lyme disease has led in some cases to heart problems, permanent joint disability and dementia. The disease can be stopped with antibiotics in its early stages, but its symptoms, including a ring-shaped rash and fever, are sometimes absent.

A memorial statue of John F. Kennedy was unveiled at the Massachusetts State House on Tuesday on what would have been his 73d birthday. The eight-foot (2.5-meter) bronze statue, depicting the late president standing forward with a determined expression, was unveiled by his daughter, Caroline, with a beaming former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and other family members alongside. The statue, his brother, Senator Edward M. Kennedy said, "symbolizes what he stood for, America on the move."

Residents of drug-plagued neighborhoods from New York City to San Diego are getting the telephone company to disconnect drug dealers who use pay phones to market their merchandise, the Los Angeles Times reports. Curbside telephone companies have removed them from troubled communities or have altered them so that they cannot receive incoming calls. Sometimes, the companies even take a technological step backward by replacing push-button dials with rotary ones, so the phones cannot be activated by touch-tone signals.

Arthur Higbee

Chile to Probe Murders Under Military Regime

By Shirley Christian
New York Times Service

SANTIAGO — Setting out to fulfill the promise of Chile's new president to mix truth with prudence, a commission of lawyers and human rights experts next week will begin to gather evidence on political killings and disappearances that occurred during the military regime.

The nine-member Truth and Reconciliation Commission named in April by President Patricio Aylwin is charged with being "the moral conscience of the nation." It is to establish "the truth" about political killings from the time the armed forces took power on Sept. 11, 1973, until yielding in March 1990.

"There is total agreement within the Aylwin government, however, that the commission's work will not become the basis of prosecutions."

This is because of concerns that the young democracy might be imperiled by any confrontation with the powerful Chilean armed forces, particularly the army, still commanded by General Augusto Pinochet, the former president.

That explains Mr. Aylwin's frequent references to the need for prudence in confronting the events. General Pinochet has complained recently about the creation of the commission, saying it could set off a round of vengeance guerrillas. Before leaving the presidency, he said several times that "my people are not going to be touched."

With prosecutions ruled out, there is a growing consensus among political leaders that the commission's work should end with recommendations for financial compensation to those who lost a family member in political violence.

The commission will deal with killings and disappearances attributed to the state and also to civilians, primarily leftist guerrillas. It will not delve into abuses that did not lead to the death of the victim.

It has invited anyone with evidence or reports of political killings or disappearances to appear before it.

Raul Rettig, a lawyer and former senator who is president of the commission, said it would name names as far as possible, identifying not only the victims but those who detained or interrogated them.

Roman Catholic church leaders recently gave the commission information on 478 people they said had disappeared while in the hands of security forces.

In all, church human rights organizations say they have evidence on about 700 such disappearances, most of which occurred between the coup and October 1977.

Most of those who disappeared were members of leftist political groups and sympathizers of the Socialist-Communist coalition government of Salvador Allende, whom the armed forces ousted.

From the other side, the commission could conceivably investigate the deaths of at least 100 policemen and a scattering of other people who died in recent years at the hands of leftist guerrilla groups.

Despite General Pinochet's criticism of the commission, the heads of the air force, navy and the national police have recognized it as a political necessity, in part because the Aylwin coalition government includes many Socialists, some of them former members of the Allende government, who are committed to helping repair the traumas of the repression.



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Mrs. Gorbachev and Mrs. Bush on the podium before addressing graduates at Wellesley College in Massachusetts on Friday.

Mrs. Bush's Advice: Put Family First

By Fox Butterfield

WELLESLEY, Massachusetts — Barbara Bush gently confronted seniors at Wellesley College who had protested her choice as their commencement speaker, telling them on Friday that husbands and children are ultimately more important than careers.

"As important as your obligations as a doctor, a lawyer or a business leader may be," Mrs. Bush said, with Raisa M. Gorbachev seated behind her, "your human connections with spouses, with children, with friends, are the most important investment you will ever make."

"At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal," Mrs. Bush said. "You will regret time not spent with a husband, a child, a friend or a parent."

But she softened her lecture on family values with wit. "Who knows," she told the graduating seniors, their family members and professors, "somewhere out in this audience may even be someone who will one day follow in my footsteps and preside over the White House as the president's spouse."

Then, after a pause, she added, "And I wish him well."

The audience of 5,400 people, seated under a huge white tent, roared with laughter and gave Mrs. Bush an ovation.

Mrs. Bush's appearance at Wellesley, which started with a seemingly innocuous invitation from the senior class, ignited a

debate around the country about the meaning of feminism.

The controversy started with a petition by 150 students who said they were outraged by the selection of Mrs. Bush as graduation speaker since she did not represent the type of career women they believed Wellesley seeks to educate. Mrs. Bush dropped out of Smith College after two years to marry and has been best known as a supportive wife and mother in the family of a politician.

But as the debate grew more heated, the invitation to Mrs. Bush also paid an unexpected dividend when the summit meeting between George Bush and Mikhail S. Gorbachev coincided with Wellesley's commencement and Mrs. Bush asked Mrs. Gorbachev to join her in addressing the graduates.

"It's a public relations dream for Wellesley," said Marshall I. Goldman, a professor at Wellesley and a specialist on the Soviet economy.

It was also a triumph for Mrs. Bush, who not only won over most of her audience but also delivered a far more interesting speech than Mrs. Gorbachev, who holds the Soviet equivalent of a Ph.D. and who was a university professor before her husband became head of the Soviet Communist Party.

Mrs. Gorbachev, perhaps mindful of earlier criticism of her for sounding too preachy, stuck to safe platitudes about friendship, peace and perestroika, echoing many of her husband's recent themes.

"In renewing our country, we want to make it open to the world," she said.

Professor Goldman said later: "I was disappointed with her. I was really hoping she was going to say something more."

Janet Lennon, a senior from Princeton, New Jersey, said, "What she had to say was great, but I'm not sure how it applied to us."

Mrs. Bush drew more praise.

"I thought it was wonderful, she knew how to direct us, she is very caring," said Melitta Dikatos, from Bronxville, New York.

Ms. Dikatos, like most of the seniors, was wearing a purple armband intended both as a gesture of reconciliation with Mrs. Bush and as a reminder of what the students feel is an unfinished agenda of women's needs.

In a petition issued on Friday, a group of students said, "In honoring Barbara Bush as our commencement speaker, we celebrate all the unknown women who have dedicated their lives to the service of others."

The petition also asked Mrs. Bush, "as a concerned mother," to "take a definitive stand" on several issues, including affordable day-care, cuts in welfare and the gap in wages between men and women.

The president of Wellesley, Nan Keohane, told the students that the controversy over the invitation to Mrs. Bush had proved an opportunity for people to re-examine what the proper role for a modern woman should be. The reaction to the dispute around the country had also served as a "interesting lesson," she said, in the importance of free speech.

Gorbachev-Roh Meeting Shakes Up Asia

By David E. Sanger

New York Times Service

TOKYO — South Korean and Japanese officials say that the surprise meeting next week between Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the Soviet leader striving to rebuild a collapsed economy, and Roh Tae Woo, a former general who reversed Seoul's 40-year rejection of dealings with the Communist world, symbolizes the beginning of the biggest shift in northeast Asia's power relationships since the end of the Korean War.

At the meeting in San Francisco next week, the two men are widely expected to agree to establish diplomatic relations in the near future, paving the way for broad economic ties.

That move seems bound to further isolate North Korea and its enigmatic leader, Kim Il Sung, high-ranking aides to Mr. Roh said. The initiative also places pressure on Japan, the region's economic giant, to abandon its unwillingness to join the rush of new alliances with Moscow.

Already Japanese business executives and politicians are speaking openly of their fear that the United States and South Korea will develop a long head start in penetrating the Soviet market.

Two South Korean newspapers reported Thursday that South Korea is considering a \$4 billion low-interest loan to the Soviet Union and the establishment of direct telecommunications lines. Also, Reuters reported from Beijing that China and the Soviet Union were planning high-level talks on June 10 in Beijing on Korea issues.

Until three years ago, South Korea involved in any contact with the Communist world could easily be prosecuted in criminal court, and often were.

But in Seoul on Thursday, the announcement of the San Francisco meeting was hailed by the government as the culmination of a government strategy begun with the 1988 Seoul Olympics to turn its economic boom in the 1980s to political advantage in this decade.

It began with the establishment of diplomatic relations with Hungary in September 1988, and has been fueled by an increasing number of officially sanctioned business deals and the visit to Moscow two months ago of Kim Young Sam, the longtime opposition leader who has joined Mr. Roh's camp.

The San Francisco meeting, however, will be the first ever between South Korean and Soviet leaders. An aide noted that the two nations have not had normal relations since the end of the Russo-Japanese War, 85 years ago.

In restoring that relationship, Mr. Roh hopes to restore the prestige of his presidency, battered in recent months by violent strikes and an economic slowdown.

But it also vindicates a controversial policy viewed with suspicion by many of Mr. Roh's army colleagues.

"We knew that we would have to pressure North Korea from three directions," said Lee Hong Koo, Mr. Roh's special assistant for political affairs.

"The first was from our own talks with the North. The second is from the United States and other Western nations. But the third was to build pressure from North Korea's nominal allies. Now the United States, the Soviet Union and South Korea are joining forces to persuade the North to engage in a new kind of constructive relationship."

Over the next few months, however, both sides seem to be bracing for that relationship to sour, perhaps dramatically. Western diplomats say they expect Kim Il Sung's government to lash out, not least because the Soviets are their primary supplier of aid and military support.

"Initially, North Korea will be in shock and full of tears, resentment," said Kim Dal Chong, president of the Institute of East and West Studies at Yonsei University.

"But eventually the North will realize that it now has no choice but

to pull out of its own closed relationships. It has no leverage against the Soviets."

Even without much Soviet help, North Korea would remain a large and potentially destabilizing power in northeast Asia. A recent Pentagon report estimated Pyongyang's military personnel at over a million — compared with 650,000 South Korean troops.

U.S. Soviet and Japanese diplomats in Asia all say they cannot predict what will happen when Mr. Kim dies, though they all view his probable successor, his 48-year-old son Kim Jong Il, as an even bigger threat to regional security.

"This is a country that is still far, far removed from any sign of de-

macranization," said Nishituro, Japan's deputy minister of defense, said in an interview this week.

"And Mr. Kim's son is, at best, an eccentric individual." He alluded to the kidnappings, bombings and other terrorist acts — including the downing of a South Korean airliner several years ago — that have been linked to the North Korean heir apparent.

Anger in North Korea

North Korea reacted with anger Friday to news of the Roh-Gorbachev meeting, Reuters reported from Tokyo.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, quoted by the official North Korean press agency, said the meeting would have "a serious political con-

sequence" for the future of divided Korea.

"We consider that the president of the Soviet Union, an ally of ours, is quite able to analyze and judge what a serious political consequence will be entailed by his meeting with Roh Tae Woo, who is seeking only the split of Korea," the spokesman said.

"We have not yet received an official information regarding this from the Soviet side," the spokesman said.

"If President Gorbachev does have a meeting with Roh Tae Woo, which we do not think will take place, it will be a serious political issue concerning the freezing of the division of our country."

Who's Who at the Summit

New York Times Service

The American Side

Brent Scowcroft

President George Bush's national security adviser and the preeminent White House staff official on foreign affairs. Retired air force general. A habitually cautious man who tries to avoid the spotlight, ceding dominance in foreign policy to Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d. Was thrust into a political controversy for his trip to China, soon after the violence around Tiananmen Square, to try to improve relations, 65.

Robert M. Gates

Deputy national security adviser in the White House. Supervises day-to-day operations of the National Security Council staff. A former deputy director of central intelligence and a longtime analyst of intelligence about the Soviet Union. Has generally advocated a cautious approach toward President Mikhail S. Gorbachev. 46. Joined the CIA in 1966. Then, from 1974 to 1979, worked on the National Security Council staff.

Condoleezza Rice

Senior director for Soviet affairs on the National Security Council staff. A former associate professor of political science at Stanford University. At 35, one of the youngest senior officials in the White House and one of the few women to hold a senior position there. Assigned to travel with Mr. Gorbachev to Moscow and San Francisco. Has a doctoral degree in international studies from the University of Denver. Worked on strategic nuclear policy at the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1984-87.

Paul D. Wolfowitz

Undersecretary of defense for policy. Has played a central role in reorganizing U.S. military forces to confront a changing world and a shrinking budget. 46. Was assistant secretary of

state for East Asia and Pacific affairs from 1982 to 1986. Held arms control posts in the 1970s. Was ambassador to Indonesia in the Reagan administration.

Dennis B. Ross

Director of policy planning at the State Department. A member of Mr. Baker's inner circle. Came to the administration from the Bush presidential campaign, where he was senior foreign policy adviser. 41. Former deputy director of the Pentagon office that compares Soviet and American military capabilities.

John H. Sununu

White House chief of staff. Widely viewed as the link between Mr. Bush's pragmatic, split-the-difference administration and conservative Republicans. Former governor of New Hampshire. 50. Runs the White House's day-to-day operations, making his influence felt most strongly on domestic issues.

The Soviet Side

Yegor G. Primakov

Member of the Presidential Council. Former chairman of the Council of the Union, one of Parliament's two chambers. Former director of INBMO, the Institute of World Economics and International Relations, one of the most influential research institutes in the Soviet Union. Adviser to Mr. Gorbachev on the press, parliamentary relations and numerous other topics. Has day-to-day contact with Mr. Gorbachev on a wide range of issues. 60. A graduate of the Institute of Oriental Studies in Moscow. A Pravda correspondent in the Middle East from 1966 to 1970.

Anatoli S. Chernyshev

An aide to Mr. Gorbachev on foreign affairs. A longtime member of the International Department of the Communist Party and a specialist on Western Europe, with some expertise in American affairs. Does coordi-

nating for Mr. Gorbachev's meetings with foreign delegations. 69. Served in the Soviet Army during World War II. Has a history degree from Moscow University.

Arkadi A. Maslennikov

Mr. Gorbachev's new chief spokesman. For more than 20 years, a correspondent for Pravda, including a long tour in India and tours in London and New York. An economist by training.

Colonel General

Boris Y. Izrael

First deputy chief of staff of the Soviet Army since 1989. The most visible uniformed man in the arms-control talks. Represents the military's interests, unlike Marshal Sergei F. Akhromeyev, Mr. Gorbachev's personal adviser on military matters. A rising star, according to Americans who saw him during the U.S.-Soviet talks in Moscow in May. Born in 1935. Member of the Communist Party and member of the Congress of People's Deputies in Turkmenia, Soviet Central Asia.

Valentin M. Falin

The main Communist Party specialist on German issues and head of the International Department of the Communist Party. Ambassador to West Germany from 1971 to 1978. 64. Was an aide to Andrei A. Gromyko, the late veteran foreign minister. A former spokesman on arms control issues and an Izvestia political commentator, he later headed the Novosti press feature syndicate for two years.

Anatoli F. Dobrynin

Consultant to the Foreign Ministry on American-Soviet relations. Something of an ambassador emeritus adviser to the Soviet leadership on U.S.-Soviet relations. Soviet ambassador to the United States from 1982 to 1986, during the tenure of six presidents and nine secretaries of state. 70. Worked at the United Nations in the 1950s.

In Moscow, So-What Summit

By Francis X. Clines

New York Times Service

MOSCOW — Igor Repka had little time to ponder the world travels of Mikhail S. Gorbachev as he grabbed the collar of an interloper and thrust him back from the line at the money-changing bureau for this summer's throng of would-be Soviet travelers.

"I know perfectly well Gorbachev is the politician and I am the plebeian," Mr. Repka said, speaking above the commotion along the line and protecting his place — No. 125 after five days of waiting.

"Our life is like ancient Rome: the politician goes one way and the plebeian another, and I see nothing in Gorbachev's visit for me," he said. He was speaking after two straight months of waiting in assorted bureaucratic lines to move such by inch toward one of this nation's most sought-after and hard-won privileges, permission to visit the outside world.

In a nation of citizens ubiquitously waiting for everything from food to flight, Mr. Gorbachev's latest gleaming trip to the summit meeting occasions little reaction of elation from those who stand and wait.

"I am the plebeian," Mr. Repka repeated, seeming amused at the notion that someone such as he could even be consulted.

Along the line, everyone was idly self-absorbed, anxious about their own summit-scaling act of eventually securing first an

invitation, then permission, then precious foreign currency and finally a seat on an outbound Soviet airliner, the latter line a year long for the most prized ticket of all — to the United States.

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engineer named Igor, one of the line's self-appointed monitors on guard for today's endless pushing, shoving, shouting interlopers. "It means no changes here. Five years of perestroika mean no changes."

Of all of Mr. Gorbachev's summit trips, the one now under way is showing perhaps the fewest ripples across the reality of ordinary Soviet life.

Hard economic times have left the public preoccupied with domestic survival in a mood generally ranging from crankiness, anxiety and malaise, if not quite the crisis description worn to death lately by government economists.

The big news along the currency line, for example, was not about how the two leaders at the summit meeting might deal with German reunification.

most Soviet comment on the event — "No vodka, bad wine."

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Rather it was the sudden announcement from the bureaucracy that because of the pending currency unification, Soviet visitors would have to pay 2,000 rubles as of July 1 to buy the same amount in East German money that had been costing them 200 rubles.

The main state-controlled evening television news program still accorded Mr. Gorbachev his usual chunk of coverage and time, leaving the report with much smiling abroad and scenes of appreciative foreign crowds.

But this is no longer news here, and this time ordinary Russians seem to have to pause at length, searching for a comment when asked about the summit meeting.

"No, I am not interested in that," a young woman named Ermin finally commented, barely distracting herself with the summit question after what she said was a full year of trying to get government clearance and an airline ticket to emigrate to Canada, where her husband has been waiting.

She and her family have been commuting to Moscow from Armenia for each step in the process: the struggle to get a visa, medical clearance, the shopping for an airline ticket with its clanking around the cubby windows of peevish, glass-eyed Aeroflot clerks.

Some of those waiting said even the usual bribe of 2,000 rubles — about eight months' salary for the average Soviet worker — no longer is a reliable way to guarantee a ticket.

Prices are rising steadily for many products, as sellers anticipate growing shortages. The agricultural newspaper Selkhoz Zhizn said Friday that average prices were up by about 18 percent over last year.

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2 Republics Halt Food Shipments

Reuters

MOSCOW — The economic crisis in the Soviet Union intensified Friday as some sections of the country began refusing to ship foodstuffs beyond their borders and restricted sales of food products to their own residents.

The Central Asian republics of Tadzhikistan and Uzbekistan, leading exporters of fresh fruit and vegetables to other Soviet regions, halted all shipments to ensure supplies for their own people.

Sales in the two republics were limited to local residents bearing passports or other documents.

At the same time, regional governments around the capital cut off supplies of meat, vodka and other scarce products in retaliation against a new decree by the Moscow City Council restricting sales to city residents only.

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SUMMIT: An Annoyed Gorbachev Appeals to Congress on Trade Status

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"These are new Soviets that have just been established, and they have just been elected by the people and they can be fully trusted," he said. "So after discussing everything, and passing on to us the proper information, I'm sure we will have the entire picture."

The first summit talks at the White House were devoted to the future of Germany. Mr. Gorbachev outlined a plan to base future European security on the 35-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The Soviet idea is to restructure this organization to safeguard European peace under a "Greater European Council" of all 35 heads of state, including those of the United States and the Soviet Union, that would meet once a year.

A copy of the Soviet plan was given to State Department officials several days ago by the incoming Soviet ambassador, Alexander A. Besmertnykh, according to a U.S. official. Previously, White House officials had said that they were skeptical about any European security plan that would rely on the 35-nation group.

Mr. Bush planned to telephone Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany to reassure him that the U.S. position that a unified Germany should be part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization had not changed, the White House said.

Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d also planned to call the West German foreign minister, Hans Dietrich Genscher, officials said. Mr. Kohl is to meet in a week with Mr. Bush in Washington.

The Gorbachev plan was countered with U.S. ideas involving limits on German and other military forces in the central zone of Europe as part of East-West negotiations on reductions in conventional forces in Europe, officials said.

A Soviet Foreign Ministry official said that such limits on German and other Western forces were "welcome" but would be "clearly not enough" to persuade the Soviet Union to accept a unified Germany as part of NATO.

YELTSIN: Baltics Send Envoys

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peoples of the free expression of their will, by a policy which has its roots in the past, and deprived the Estonian people of 50 years of freedom and kept the Russian people in stagnation," Miss Lauritsins said.

"We respect and recognize the rights of the people of Russia. We hope you understand our desire to be a free and independent state," she added.

Miss Lauritsins said her address to the Russian congress had been at the initiative of the Estonian parliament, which is looking to a newly sovereign Russia as a future partner not only in trade but in "humanitarian areas."

"We have both struggled against our heavy heritage. We were equally repressed by the frightening regime which deprived both of our



Anatoli F. Dobrynin, left, and Valentin M. Falin before beginning talks at the White House.

GORBACHEV: Still a Seductive Showman in U.S.

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ome babies are born in as few as even months.

"Yes, seven months, O.K.," the oviet leader replied. "Shatalin is an advocate of more radical change. But to have a healthy child, he has to wait nine months."

The luncheon was billed as a meeting with American intellectuals, although American icons might have been a more accurate description on considering the representation on the Hollywood establishment: Jack Palance as Gregory Peck, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Jane Fonda outnumbered political stars to Mr. Kissinger and the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson.

Other luminaries included the jazzist Van Cliburn and the jazz pianist Dizzy Gillespie, the science fiction writers Ray Bradbury and Isaac Asimov, and the painters Andrew Wyeth and Robert Rauschenberg, who ventured perhaps the

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Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia, center, and his wife, Siti Hasmah binti Haji Mohd Ali, greeting the Argentine president, Carlos Menem, before the meeting of 15 developing nations opened Friday. Mr. Menem's wife, Zulma, is at left.

A Third World View: Peril in Détente

By Michael Richardson

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Détente between Communist and non-Communist industrial powers may lead to creation of a new group of nations dominating the global economy at the expense of the Third World, Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia said Friday.

Opening a meeting of 15 developing countries, Mr. Mahathir also said that despite repeated assurances from the West, developing countries "have reasons to worry" that Western aid, loans and investment will be diverted from the Third World to consolidate democracy and emerging market-oriented economies in Eastern Europe.

Mr. Mahathir was opening the first high-level meeting of the Group of 15 developing nations, established in September by heads of government of the Nonaligned Movement in Belgrade to find solutions to the problems of poor countries.

Shunning some of the radical oratory and sweeping proposals that have emerged from similar meetings in the past, leaders and officials said that self-help and practical cooperation, as well as assistance from industrial nations, were necessary to improve the situation of developing countries.

They also called for negotiations with industrial powers.

Western diplomats say they doubt that developing countries can overcome political rivalries, competing economic interests and geographical diversity to create a cohesive organization.

Carlos Menem, the president of Argentina, said that for the time being he was

setting aside a plan to group major debtor nations to press for debt relief.

He said he would focus instead in Kuala Lumpur on solutions to other problems, including serious damage being caused to the global environment by wasteful economic activity.

With a foreign debt of \$58 billion, Argentina is the third largest debtor nation.

Mr. Menem said that the economies of East Asian countries like Malaysia and Indonesia, which draw their strength from private sector investment and exports, were models that other Third World states should emulate.

The foreign minister of Brazil, José Francisco Rezak, said that while developing nations should work out a common stand on the \$1.3 trillion combined foreign debt of the Third World, the issue would not dominate the Kuala Lumpur meeting.

But officials warned that if the crushing burden of high debt, slow growth and unfavorable terms of trade were not eased on many poor countries, the trend toward world peace encouraged by East-West détente would be undermined.

The president of Senegal, Abdou Diouf, said that the economies of most developing countries were in "persistent crisis."

But he conceded that up to now cooperation between diverse nations of the developing world to improve their lot had been "almost nonexistent."

Mr. Mahathir said that developing nations must respond to profound changes in international relations by cooperating more closely to strengthen their economies and lay the basis for renewed negotiations with industrial powers on a more equitable world economic order.

"We will continue to be markets" for the industrial nations, he said, "but we can at the same time develop our economic cooperation and trade with each other."

While welcoming the end of the Cold War, Mr. Mahathir questioned whether "peace between East and West means peace and prosperity" in developing nations as well.

He noted that in the past if either the Communist or capitalist bloc "threatened" any country in the Third World, the rival bloc almost automatically acted to counterbalance the threat.

But Mr. Mahathir said that he wondered "what will happen now if any power in the honeymooning East and West" threatened a Third World nation.

Worse still, he said, he wondered what would happen to save the Third World from "total domination" if the threat came from a united group of East-West nations.

Officials said that the meeting, which ends Sunday, was expected to produce an agreement on a number of practical measures to promote cooperation between developing countries.

Steps being considered include setting up a permanent secretariat to coordinate group actions, and establishment of a trade and investment information network to promote economic relations between developing nations.

Heads of government and state or senior ministers from Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Senegal, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe are taking part in the conference.

Palestinians Urge Use of 'Oil Weapon'

By Jackson Diehl

Washington Post Service

JERUSALEM — Delivering a bitter attack on the United States, 50 leading Palestinian activists from the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem said Friday that they were breaking off contacts with the U.S. government and called on Arab states to initiate sanctions against the United States, including "use of the oil weapon."

The Palestinian statement came in reaction to a veto by Washington of a United Nations initiative to dispatch an investigative team to the Israel-occupied territories.

Palestinian leaders here also gave up a 13-day hunger strike that they had begun in an effort to win new support for the Arab uprising.

And in interviews published Friday, Israel's military intelligence chief said that Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, probably did not know beforehand of the sea raid on Israel by Palestinian guerrillas this week.

The militant Palestinian reaction to the U.S. stance in a UN Security Council meeting on Thursday signaled the rapid deterioration of relations between the Bush administration and Palestinian leaders here and abroad after a two-week upsurge of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

It also reflected the disappointment of the local Palestinian leadership in its effort to advance the 30-month-old rebellion against Israel through nonviolent tactics.

The hunger strike by the local leaders, which included up to 20 prominent figures from the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem, was launched following the slaying of seven Arab workers May 20 by an Israeli civilian whom authorities described as deranged.

Its leaders saw the action as an attempt to revive support for the uprising, known in Arabic as the *intifada*, while heading off any escalation toward the armed struggle sought by radicals.

Throughout the hunger strike, staged on the grounds of the International Red Cross in Jerusalem, the Palestinian leaders camped under a large tent and argued for nonviolent tactics with delegations of Palestinian youths and representatives of the *intifada*'s local committees.

The most prominent of the hunger strikers, Faisal Husseini, delivered several lectures arguing that the rebellion should concentrate on winning over public opinion both abroad and inside Israel by stressing its commitment to peace and Israel's security.

The campaign was dealt a serious political blow Wednesday when a PLO faction launched an abortive sea-borne attack on Israel's Mediterranean beaches. In response, the United States has threatened to break off its 18-

month-old political dialogue with the PLO, the organization to which the Palestinian strikers adhere.

Like Mr. Arafat, the Palestinian politicians here disassociated themselves from the boat attack but declined to formally condemn it. Privately, they said that PLO radicals were undermining their strategy, but none was willing to criticize the Tunis-based leadership publicly.

The final setback to the hunger strike came Thursday when the United States blocked a UN initiative to send an investigative team to the territories to report on the situation of the Palestinians. The hunger strikers had made such UN intervention the chief demand of their action.

The vote, their statement said, "shows that the American administration is opposed to the cause of our people, human rights and international peace in general."

It said that Arab states should begin a boycott of American goods,

break off military cooperation with Washington and withdraw funds from U.S. banks, in addition to withholding oil supplies.

The local Arab leaders said they would boycott contacts with the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem and refuse to meet with visiting officials and emissaries from Washington.

The tough stance against the United States echoed that put forward earlier this week by Mr. Arafat and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq during an Arab summit meeting in Baghdad. There, the Arab states declined to adopt any sanctions against the United States or to endorse the PLO's harshest criticisms of Washington.

Asked Friday about the effect of a rupture of the U.S.-PLO dialogue, Mr. Husseini said, "The dialogue between the PLO and the United States from the beginning was a relative one, a very low-level one, and stopping it, I think, won't have much effect."

The government of acting Prime

Minister Yitzhak Shamir continued Friday to press for a suspension of the dialogue.

But Mr. Shamir's cabinet chief, Yossi Ben Aharon, said that Israeli officials suspected that the Bush administration would not definitively break off the relationship, even if a halt to contacts were announced in the next few days.

Reaction to the Raid

The Libyan military was heavily involved in the Palestinian sea raid on Israel, but Mr. Arafat probably did not know of the attack beforehand, Major General Amnon Shahak said in interviews published Friday. The Associated Press reported from Jerusalem.

The comment by the Israeli military intelligence chief contradicted Foreign Ministry officials, who have asserted that Mr. Arafat met last week with the raid's mastermind, Mohammed Abbas, and almost certainly knew of the attack.

AFRICA: Experts Predict Era of Widespread Turmoil

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West Africa has enjoyed considerable stability since independence in the 1960s. But now Gabon has experienced a spasm of revolt, with students demanding more democracy. Similar troubles have rocked Ivory Coast, and analysts anticipate problems in Cameroon and even in Senegal.

U.S. allies are also in trouble. In Zaire, widespread protests were crushed recently by troops that killed many more demonstrators than has been officially admitted, diplomats say. The government in Liberia seems doomed as rebel forces close in on the capital. Nigeria narrowly averted a coup last month.

"Economic hardship is becoming more acute everywhere," a British official said, "and Africans, with access now to information about global developments, are increasingly unwilling to put up with a system that offers less and less."

The appeals of African leaders for debt relief have been conspicuously ignored by Western governments, apparently because they share the viewpoint of a French official who recently published anonymously in *Le Monde* a plea for France to review its African commitments.

He wrote: "Black Africa does not have any debt. The aid it received has been recycled, privatized and transferred abroad by the elites

in each country, and their personal fortunes amount to more than their countries' debts."

As corruption siphoned off African countries' capital and drove them into budget cutbacks demanded by the International Monetary Fund, the prime victims of the squeeze often have been the education system and ethnic factions lacking government ties. As a result, students have provoked unrest in cities and dissident tribal groups are increasing in the bush, Western officials say.

But the West cannot afford to ignore Africa, a French official said, lest it become a "continent for sale" where countries could be taken over by drug cartels.

DOE: U.S. Sends Flotilla to Liberia

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others are on standby in Dakar, Senegal, and on the southern Atlantic island of Ascension.

Mr. Doe said the fleet was arriving "with the approval of the government of Liberia."

"I wish to announce here today my firm decision not to stand for the 1991 general elections," he told a press conference in the Liberian capital, Monrovia.

Mr. Doe said that initiatives were under way with former President Jimmy Carter of the United States and the United Nations to restore peace in Liberia and help organize elections.

But he ruled out any hope that the leader of the rebel National Patriotic Front, Charles Taylor, could be a candidate for the elections, saying he faced criminal charges in Liberia.

U.S. Issues Order to Leave
Patrick E. Tyler of the Washington Post reported earlier from Washington:

The State Department has ordered nonessential U.S. government personnel and their dependents to leave Liberia and strongly advised the approximately 1,100 private American citizens in the country to leave immediately.

A Pentagon spokesman, Pete Williams, said an helicopter assault carrier and five support ships, comprising the Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group, was ordered "as a precaution to take up a position in international waters in the event they are needed to help American citizens — and other noncombatants — who need to leave and cannot do so by commercial means."

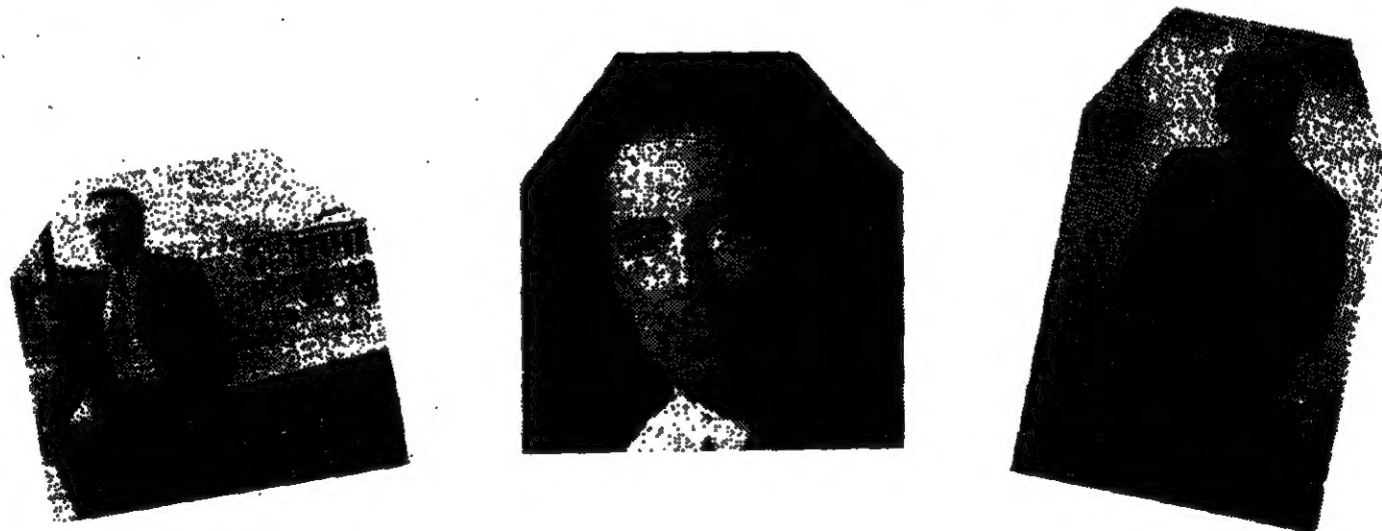
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As a child I played with other children — 2 kinds — boys and girls. They would grow up to be mommies and daddies like my parents. When I reached school age I discovered that there were 3 kinds of boys and 3 kinds of girls — protestant, catholic and jewish. They would grow up to be either protestant, catholic or jewish parents.

I would have wanted to be what most kids were. But, my parents explained that when asked about my religion I should answer: "I am jewish."

This did not bother me too much until I was separated from most of my friends when they attended Sunday school. And on Xmas I found myself wondering why Santa Claus was for all children and Jesus Christ only for them. If Jesus was such a wonderful man why was I not free to join my friends in their admiration for him?

I could hardly wait to grow up. Then I would make up my own mind as to what I would want to be — a policeman, a fireman, a doctor. It would be up to me to marry the girl of my choice, and it seemed clear to me that everything concerning my adult life would ultimately be decided by me.

Only many years later did it dawn on me that this is not so. Already at the time of your birth, others make a decision for you which will retain unalterable validity throughout your lifetime. Before you can see, before your brain develops, others assign a religion to you as if this were their unquestionable right or duty. With this religion you will be identified forever. No matter whether you practice this religion, no matter whether you abandon it (which will be held against you). No matter whether you would rather be guided by philosophers than by ministers, priests or rabbis. No matter whether you think that separating human beings is detrimental to mankind, and that it cannot be God's will to have different religious groups — each claiming to be Number One with God — pray to HIM or HER.

When asked about our religion we are still supposed to either name one of the well-known religions or admit, somewhat embarrassed, that we are not religious.

What about those of us who believe in God but not in man-dividing religious organizations? Those of us who see religious education as an initial stage in our lives from which we must graduate to a higher level — a conscious, direct affinity with God that governs our thoughts, activities and decisions every minute of our existence. Those of us who have no sincere desire to repeat the text of printed prayers just as we feel no need to look at our school books anymore.

Let us give our questioners a very simple, uniform answer and tell them proudly: I am a "Believer". And until this answer is widely understood let us explain:

A "Believer" believes in God but prays to God alone in his own way or with his fellow-human beings in a House of God where no particular brand of religion is promoted.

A "Believer" feels inner resentment when members of the religious profession treat him or her as a child or an inferior.

A "Believer" feels repelled by anybody's attempt to pose as God's authorized representative.

A "Believer" will bow to no mortal — only to God's voice in his or her God-given conscience.

"Believers" will exchange their thoughts about religion anytime, anywhere whenever the occasion arises — simply as human beings, not as members of any organization.

Only "Believers" can free themselves from indoctrination and embark on the overdue task of dealing realistically with tradition, eliminating the outdated and retaining the good.

Only "Believers" will find the strength in themselves to finally challenge the false claim that we were born protestants, catholics, jews, hindus, moslems, buddhists or what have you.

No one was ever born with a religion. God created only one human specimen — the human being and that is what we are when we are born.

Above all we must ask ourselves this question:

Do we behave — in world and action — as decent human beings?

The greatest deterrent to decent behavior is prejudice. "Believers" must speak up courageously against any form of prejudice to rid the world of our religious, racial and color problems.

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"His birthday is on June 3, and I would like to acquaint as many people as possible on that day with my husband's ideas."

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A Test of Credibility

It was not just another random raid by Arab zealots. The Palestinian terror teams intercepted by Israeli forces as they tried to land on civilian beaches Wednesday were part of a carefully planned, elaborately equipped attack. That blunt fact forces Yasser Arafat to make a fundamental choice: Take strong action against the responsible terrorist faction of his Palestine Liberation Organization or forfeit direct dialogue with the United States, thus his best chance to advance the Palestinian cause.

Although Mr. Arafat denies involvement in the raid, the Bush administration has told the Palestinian leader that he must condemn Mohammed Abbas, who claims credit for dispatching the hit team, and expel him from the PLO Executive Council. President Bush can do no less. The United States is pledged to cancel direct contacts with the PLO if Mr. Arafat cannot keep his word of December 1988 to forgo sponsorship of terrorism.

The credibility of three parties is at stake. Mr. Bush has remained neutral in the debate over the PLO's role in the terrorist business, arguing that the evidence is ambiguous. Now, unless Mr. Arafat completely dissociates himself from Mohammed Abbas, there can be no ambiguity. The president cannot let Mr. Arafat off the hook, and retain the confidence of Americans and Israelis who want Mr. Bush to press for peace talks.

Arab credibility is also on the line. The Mohammed Abbas spokesman says the hit team was launched to avenge the May 20

killing of seven Palestinians by an Israeli. But the killer was not an instrument of the Israeli government. He is a deranged man whose act is condemned by all Israelis. For moderate Arab leaders to equate the two events is to damage their reputations and credibility.

These leaders have just lost the chance to do good by endorsing the Baghdad communiqué of the Arab summit meeting just ended. That communiqué unfairly blames Washington for failing to press Israel toward negotiations with Palestinians. It also crudely and wrongly condemns Israel's right to receive Jews from the Soviet Union.

If the moderates truly wished to advance the Palestinian cause, they would restrict their criticism to Israel's settling of immigrants in the occupied territories. Moderate Arabs will not help the cause by condoning terrorism in any fashion, or by standing silent. They can help by keeping all parties focused on the need for negotiations.

Here is where Israeli credibility is being tested as well. As soon as a new Israeli government is formed, President Bush will have every reason to push it hard to deal with the realities of Palestinian nationalism and Palestinian rights.

But before anyone else's credibility can be tested, Yasser Arafat has to define himself by the way he responds to the terrorist raid. If he wants Palestinians to have a place at the negotiating table and a place in their own sun, he will have to choose the olive branch, and not the gun.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES

Protect the Taxpayer

Now that the Bush administration and Congress have begun to acknowledge the full dimensions of the savings and loan disaster, it is reasonable to ask how to prevent a repetition. The failures and frauds that will now cost the taxpayers some hundreds of billions of dollars are more than historical interest. How can the country assure itself that public money will never again be needed to rescue the federal deposit insurance system?

One current idea — radical and flat wrong — is to abolish deposit insurance altogether or to limit it to part of the deposit. The thought is that more risk would make depositors more careful where they put their money. In fact, depositors are in no position to know the condition of their S&Ls or banks. Cutting insurance coverage even to, say, 90 percent of the deposit is a formula for instability, with rumors driving runs on banks. There are better ways to eliminate the threat to the taxpayer.

It is time, first of all, to abolish S&Ls. The traditional S&L cannot survive in a world in which interest rates go up and down. Banks can protect themselves by matching the maturity of their deposits with those of their loans. An S&L cannot do that because the law requires it to put most of its money into housing.

But the law also says that any S&L failing

to get the required percentage of its loans into housing by next August will be treated as a national bank. That is exactly right. The solution is to turn the strong S&Ls into banks. As for the rest, the regulators have a duty to put them out of business. Will home buyers suffer a shortage of mortgage money? There is no evidence whatever of it.

Next, capital requirements deserve continuing attention. When a bank or an S&L loses money, the losses are paid out of capital. They hit the federal deposit insurance fund only when the capital is all gone. That is what happened in hundreds of S&Ls, and that is why their losses now burden the taxpayer.

Capital requirements for both S&Ls and banks are now being raised. But perhaps they ought to be raised still higher. Banking has been getting riskier over the past decade, and the adequacy of the capital rules needs to be examined continuously by the Treasury and the congressional banking committees. In return for the enormous amounts of money that the S&L collapse will cost, the public is entitled to several things: a sounder financial system, tighter enforcement of the regulations and vigorous prosecution of the swindlers. Can the Bush administration and Congress deliver? We will see.

—THE WASHINGTON POST

Class of '47, Class of '90

After one year and a summer semester, Barbara Bush dropped out of Smith College to marry George Herbert Walker Bush. If she was unusual in leaving school — only 29 percent of the Class of 1947 failed to get a degree — she was not in marrying young. Those were the days, after all, when the Class Day Breakfast was an occasion to flash brand new engagement rings.

Those were also the days when, although the options were always available, few women chose to be doctors or lawyers or financiers and such. Those who could afford it attended to society's expectations and made a career out of housewifery, child-raising and watching one's husband go up in the world. Or down.

Barbara Bush's husband went up, so far that some members of the Wellesley Class of 1990 complain: The only reason she was invited to speak at Friday's commencement, they say, is that she is married to the president. Therefore, they requested an additional speaker "who would more aptly reflect the self-affirming qualities of a Wellesley graduate." A Raisa Gorbachev perhaps. The Soviet president's wife, who is to visit Wellesley with Mrs. Bush, is also a sociologist.

Those young women are probably right when they say that except for her marriage, the country would never have heard of Barbara Bush. She would be just one more of those millions of unnamed Americans, female and male, who believe that rising decent children is the most important job. But those same young women are wrong when they question Mrs. Bush's "self-affirming qualities." She has said she has never regretted the choice she made at 19, and to contemplate the life she has made for herself and her family is to know she is telling the truth.

What has changed most since her college years is the norms. Society expects very different things from the Wellesley Class of '90 than it did from the Smith Class of '47. The changed expectations bring with them different questions and anxieties.

The next step in this evolution will come, preferably one day soon, when the speaker on the platform is not a First Lady but a First Gentleman, self-affirming and secure, exhorting the graduates to go forth and make this world a better place. However they choose to do it.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES

Other Comment

The Yeltsin Factor

Mikhail Gorbachev, who sacked Boris Yeltsin from the Politburo, now has to come to terms with a powerful challenge from the radical part of the spectrum if he, and possibly the union itself, are to survive. There are the makings here of an alliance that could benefit the country as a whole. Mr. Yeltsin's popularity may enable him to convince Russians to accept further sacrifices as a necessary means of reviving a bankrupt economy. Mr. Gorbachev has failed in this respect because he is not trusted by ordinary people, for whom he is an unelected, and largely ineffective, czar.

—The Daily Telegraph (London)

Colombian Courage

Colombia has delivered a lesson of faith in democracy, in the republican system, in the vote as a civic weapon capable of overcoming extreme violence. This, perhaps, is

the conclusion of greatest importance from last Sunday's elections. All America has its eyes on Colombia. The fight that was begun by President Virgilio Barco Vargas, which should continue under César Gaviria, is greater than partisan interests and national frontiers: It is part of the cause of humanity against violence and moral chaos.

—La Nación (Buenos Aires)

As Washington Fiddles...

Leading industrial nations are abdicating their responsibility to slash global pollution. It seems that nothing short of a meeting atop a toxic rubbish dump will force them to take serious action. Washington still opposes giving more money to poor nations to curb ozone layer pollution. With more conferences scheduled for London and Geneva on toxic emissions, participating nations must produce commitments.

—The Bangkok Post

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Chinese Art: Bidders Resist High Estimates

NEW YORK — The market is as strong as ever, but the days when speculators could force their over-enthusiasm down the throats of misguided newcomers are over. A striking demonstration was provided

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ed this week in the field, or rather, the various fields of Chinese art. It came in three stages on Wednesday.

In the morning, Sotheby's was selling objects of art from the earliest periods up to the 19th century. It was, by today's standard, a relatively modest affair — largely because the stream of ancient bronzes and pottery from Han to Song times that has been coming out of the China in the last decade has spoiled collectors. This should have been one more reason for "estimates" being kept down to a reasonable level. Often they were not and buyers then simply stalled. Otherwise, they bid enthusiastically. Coming from a room filled with professionals who knew exactly what they were doing, the message was a telling one.

What makes it particularly significant is that the same pattern could be observed from top to bottom of the financial scale. It was established at the beginning. The sale started with archaic jades. The first lot consisted of five calcified jade fittings of stark simplicity in their geometricism and of extreme rarity in the West. They illustrate the so-called Liangzhu culture of the second millennium B.C. and went up to \$5,000, over the high estimate.

By contrast, the next two lots — a sword chape and a sword guard of the 5th century B.C. with supremely elegant patterns, but neither item particularly rare and the guard was none-too-well preserved — failed to find buyers. The "estimate," \$15,000 to \$20,000, was too high by 50 percent. Bidding stopped at \$12,000 on each. When the auctioneer, aware of the unrealistic level of the "estimate," was prepared to let go, the objects would sell. An attractive but very small (and now common) gilt bronze "Hu" vase of the Han dynasty realized \$1,000, quite a high price even if one-third below the crazy "low estimate." Similarly, a pair of beautiful and rare sleeve weights cast in bronze in the form of three winged felines sold, but only just, against the reserve set at 10 percent below the estimate. They realized \$60,500.

In this climate of eager buying tempered by punctilious realism, the most stupor in the cataloguing proved fatal. A finely cast Han bronze bird was described as a "finial." This is impossible. The object lacks the cylindrical projection underneath that would fit the top of a pole. But it does have attachment plates for the sides of three wheels. Moreover, a loop is sticking



The court lady that went for \$150,000, and, at right, the \$71,500 "Doucai" jar.



"Lady in White" and "Boat" each go for \$17,600, respectively double and triple the high estimate.

Chan's misfortune was that his one big gamble did not come off. An album of landscapes and calligraphy by the great painter, calligrapher and art scholar Dong Qichang (1555-1636) was bought in at \$750,000. The unprinted estimate was \$1 million to \$1.5 million. This reflected the huge price achieved two years ago by a highly important painting far outweighing the album. The painting has been exhibited several times in the West — in New York, Rome, Venice and London — and is illustrated by Mario Bussagli in his book, "Chinese Painting."

But these are arguments which might carry weight with Western institutions, not Chinese connoisseurs, with superior knowledge and different criteria, who now dominate the market. They were clearly not prepared that day to pay a price reflecting more a past score by the artist than intrinsic merit as seen by them. Even though the sale went smoothly on the whole, the fact was concealed by a heavy, 29 percent buy-in rate generated by this one failure.

If anyone had doubts about the continuing strength of the Chinese market, these were dispelled a few hours later in a very different context — the selling exhibition at J.J. Lalley & Co. Lalley — who left Sotheby's North America, of which he was president, a few years ago — has now established himself as the leading American dealer in Chinese art. He has an admirable eye, and now that he has the capital to buy the finest, he has managed to put together one of the greatest selling shows of Chinese art ever. (Some

extraordinary objects have been trickling out of China as a result of the clandestine digging, which, professionals report, still goes on.)

Lalley's prices are high but not mad. Within half an hour of the opening, 32 of 44 objects had been sold. By Thursday night, the number had risen to 38 pieces worth \$5.4 million, 83 percent of a show estimated by Lalley to add up to \$6.5 million. These include a 5th-century B.C. stem bowl and cover ("Don") with turquoise, malachite and copper inlay that is the best-preserved in any collection, public or private. Sources say it was negotiated in the region of \$1.5 million.

A small bronze figure of a standing Buddha, 27.3 centimeters, it is unique for its style, much closer to that of Northwestern India and of the Eastern Iranian world than anything that has turned up on the Chinese market. It is a remarkable discovery. At about \$150,000, it was a cheap buy in today's market. Like most of the best Buddhist sculpture these days, it found its way into a Japanese collection.

The greatest revelation was a suite of Tang wooden figures probably of the mid-7th century with a sculptural quality that puts it high above the doll-like sweet-faced pottery figures. A court lady, the finest figure — and the smallest, at 33 centimeters — was bought for about \$150,000. All the figures were sold within the first 30 minutes of the opening — and all to different American collectors. The mood is not one of bright-eyed optimism here, with real estate prices sagging and a tighter credit market. If proof was needed that the art market leads its own life, not entirely geared to economics, this is it.



The Rembrandt: a lachrymose Saint Peter.

Rembrandt Work Remains Unsold

International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK — Christie's came unstuck with the Rembrandt painting they were trying to sell here Thursday and with them its owner, not identified in the catalog, the real estate tycoon Joe Friedland. As the picture of Saint Peter in prison, dubbed "Saint Peter Repentant" by Christie's expert, came up at the end of the Old Masters sale conducted by Christie's president and premier auctioneer, Christopher Burge, the dealers standing at the back of the room looked tense, dejected and expectant all at once.

Bidding started at \$6 million and Burge called out bids up to \$9.5 million. He then brought down his hammer and muttered the ominous word "passed" to signify that the work was unsold. The estimate quoted on request by Christie's had been \$15 million to \$20 million.

The little mishap was not entirely a surprise. It illustrates the worst excesses of the market when clever businessmen are itching to make a quick buck in a line that is not theirs — the art game.

Trade sources say the painting was acquired by Friedland less than two years ago for \$7 million. It was sold by Agnew's of London, which had had it for some time.

Once it was his, Friedland did what all rich art buyers try to do, often with success — en-

hance its salability, courtesy of the taxpayer, by hanging it in some major museum. The Metropolitan Museum was an obvious target, and the Rembrandt hung there, on loan, until it was dispatched to Christie's. The museum cannot be too pleased. Under a gentleman's agreement, works on loan cannot be withdrawn to be sold under a two-year period.

Had the market been riding last year's crest, Friedland's gamble might, perhaps, have been successful. Ten days before the sale, Burge told me it had aroused great interest when displayed in Japan. Unfortunately on D-Day, there was no Japanese gentleman in the office to help Friedland make a 100 or 200 percent profit. European collectors were unlikely buyers. Aside from the blessing of the Dutch committee on Rembrandt's oeuvre, the Rembrandt Research Project — which means that for the next 16 years no one will challenge its authenticity — it does not have a tremendous deal in its favor. Dated 1631, it lacks the powerful poignancy of the master at his highest. It is a bit sentimental, not to say lachrymose. Its main point is that it appears to be in good condition.

This nonevent is of no consequence per se. But it is one more indication of the threat that speculating gone wild poses to the credibility of the auction market.

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Venice: To See and Be Seen
A Massive Migration of Collectors, Curators, Critics

By Guy Lesser

VENICE — Though posterity may well recall the 44th Venice Biennale as a blockbuster exhibition of superhuman comprehensiveness, capturing all the issues of the moment in 50 countries on five continents, those within the art world tend to regard Biennales a little differently — almost exclusively in terms of the 72-hour marathon of parties and previews that takes place the week before the public opening.

"It is like a migration of birds every other year," explains Anthony Kormer, the publisher of Art Forum and a veteran of the past seven Biennales. "It is the collective rather than collections that counts — you go for the parties and the meetings, and to see and be seen." Not, according to Kormer, to any very tangible purpose. "When you run into people you know, you say, 'How are you?' and 'When did you get here?' and if you see something good, you're very fortunate."

But come they do, by the thousands, from as far afield as Los Angeles, Moscow, Australia and Tokyo — collectors, gallery owners, curators, critics, art-fair organizers, as well as artists, both famous and unknown. "The Museum of Modern Art brought 120 people this year," Marcia Tucker, director of the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York, stated almost ruefully. "We only bought 30."

Unreasonable humidity and heat, combined with Venice's ever lengthening tourist season, only served to heighten the effect, far too many people crowding far too little space almost everywhere throughout the three days of events. The problem was particularly bad at such chic public spots as Harry's Bar and the terrace of the Gritti Palace Hotel. "We are sorry," the British Council reportedly apologized to a journalist who had come from Hong Kong, "but we have had to limit our cocktail party for Anish Kapoor strictly to 1,100."

THIS, even spread over three floors of a splendid Gothic palace facing the Grand Canal, seemed excessively crowded from the moment it began at 7:30 until the lights were discreetly dimmed well after 10. The party at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, traditionally regarded as the Biennale's best, saw the collection director, Philip Ryland, standing in the manner of a New York nightclub doorman, choosing people out of the throngs jamming the gate for admittance. And even the comparatively sedate sit-down dinner for 600 given in Jenny Holzer's honor by the Barbara Gladstone Gallery had to be followed by a luncheon the next day if offense was not to be given to more than a hundred collectors, journalists and friends of the gallery who

had been unavoidably or unaccountably left out.

The artists reacted in a variety of ways. Some hid. Some promenaded in conformity to an official public self. Some relaxed following their grueling week or weeks of work, and hung out. Most spent at least some of their time looking at the work of others in the exhibition. Ishar Patkin, one of nine Americans in the Aperto section of the Biennale, whose installation consists of four pastel polychrome equestrian statues of Don Quixote framed by a three-sided mural on black rubber curtains, summed up the impression of many, noting that "the sheer volume of

carved-wood sculpture of himself and his wife, Italian pornography star Cicciolina, as "the new Adam and Eve" (flanked by three related computer-assisted paintings of the same subject) — was abstract and Olympian. Explaining that "artists tend to get isolated," he felt that "the Biennale is important because it provides a chance to bring a whole community together."

But the one artist who nearly everyone seemed willing to admit was the highlight of the show — Holzer — lay low. She was recovering from a two-year marathon of work culminating in three massive one-woman projects — at the Dia Art Foundation and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York, and in Venice at the Installation / Progetto Venezia, the official U.S. entry in the Biennale.

THE Venice project represents a culmination in Holzer's career. Beginning almost 15 years ago, she has created a body of work that challenges the traditional general-on-horseback notion of public art. She uses texts (consisting variously of epigrams, slogans, fragmentary first-person rants and inflammatory essays mimicking the rhetoric of leaflets) that she has disseminated and combined in every imaginable medium, from carved stone sarcophagi to baseball stadium scoreboards and small printed stickers.

But it is only in the Venice Project that she has brought it all together, combining what she calls "the quote unquote formal art installation," in which she sought to bring the "visual element of the work alive," with a varied summing-up campaign. This she calls "the public stuff," burying messages like "EVERYONE'S WORK IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT" in Venice's daily life in ways that won't even register as art or be connected with the Biennale in any way.

Plainly, she is excited by the way the installation looks, explaining that she "only saw it for the first time, with everybody else 10 minutes before the opening when I pulled the plastic off. Since I don't even have a studio, and it would be impossible to set this up anywhere, I see it all on scratch pads." And what does she think? "I was lucky. It came out O.K. Anytime the actuality resembles the theory, I feel blessed."

As for the future (the theme officially selected by the Biennale's commissioners), she says she looks forward to being able to "read and think again," explaining that she's been so busy the last two years that she's had no time for "that dreamy, half-out state" in which she finds she gets ideas. "If you have nothing to say, it doesn't matter if you've solved all the problems about presenting it." And what does she think about the Biennale? She looks relieved. "It's finished."

Guy Lesser is a writer who lives in Italy.

Detail of "Ilona on Top," 1990:
Cicciolina as Eve, Koons as Adam.

work" was overwhelming. Wim Delvoye, a Belgian artist with work both in the Aperto and a special exhibition of artists from Flanders, said he especially liked the work of the American conceptual artist Cady Noland, whose installation featured bedsteads, the lid of a barbecue grill and a cutout photograph of John F. Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

But most artists, when queried, were neither so specific nor so candid. Seeking safe ground, most were happiest discussing what other people thought, though nearly everyone felt safe admiring the Russians — both the young artists in the Aperto, Konstantin Zvezdochotov and his wife, Larisa Zvezdochotova, as well as the unprecedented official exhibition of unofficial art in the Soviet Pavilion.

The Russians, for their part, tended to stick together, muttering words like "snob," and refusing to like anyone. "Jeff Koons," said Zvezdochotova, speaking plainly and pointedly of the artist widely regarded as the sensation of the Aperto, "isn't for me very interesting."

On the other hand, the stance of Koons — whose work consisted of an epic-sized

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From the Poetic to Kitsch at the Biennale

By Michael Gibson
International Herald Tribune

VENICE — Big international exhibitions today tend to replace the artist to the role of a word in a sentence (or a syllable in a word), the discourse itself being held by the person organizing the show. The commissioner has, in a sense, replaced the artist.

The 44th Venice Biennale, which continues until Sept. 30, is not exempt from this law of cultural physics and, despite exceptions, the accumulation it presents turns out to be an unfortunate demonstration of the dangerous, self-satisfied indulgence of whole expanses of current art.

There are exceptions, of course, particularly in the national pavilions and, foremost among these, the sculptures of Anish Kapoor, presented in the British Pavilion, which glow with a singular, eloquent, enigmatic power. Kapoor's shapes are often spindled with pure, strong, powdered pigment which powerfully enhances their intensity. One work presented in Venice is a man-size monolith which has been hollowed out, with an opening on one side. The inside is saturated with a dark-blue pigment that makes the darkness within seem almost palpable.

Works such as these create what might be described as a bubble of thoughtful silence about them and prompt the imagination to work, and Biennale officials rightly acknowledge their quality by awarding Kapoor the Young Artist's Prize.

The burial wood sculptures of Toshikazu Endo also are of high poetic quality and reflect a characteristically Japanese sense of nature.

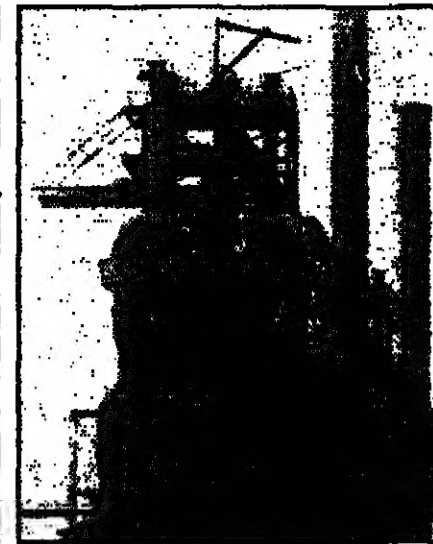
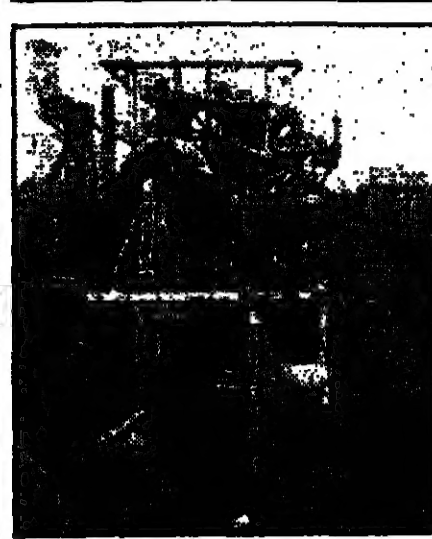
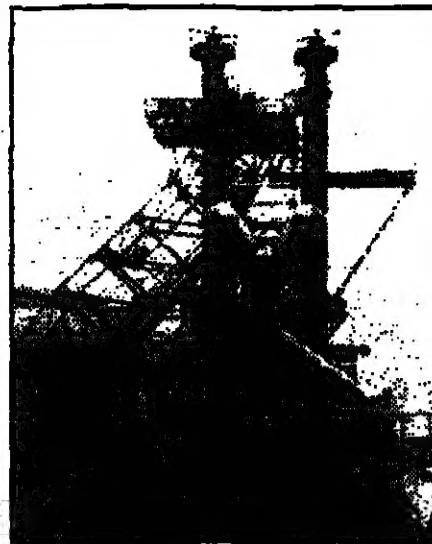
The West German Pavilion is occupied by works of Bernd and Hilla Becher and Reinhard Mucha.

The latter created a large building within the building, a cubic tabernacle of marble and other materials that is intended, according to the authorized literature, as a commentary or evocation of North Rhine-Westphalia's industrial past. In fact, its minimalist forms and its materials would make the installation highly suitable for the main hall of a powerful bank — provided the bank did not mind projecting such a crassly overpowering image.

The Bechers, on the other hand, have been working like entomolo-



The industrial landscape of Bernd and Hilla Becher.



gists for a number of years, taking excellent photographs of the smelting furnaces of this same region, and lining them up in frames like so many specimens of related species. Looking at them, one cannot help thinking how sculptural these buildings are, in an ugly, powerful, contemporary sense. This no doubt accounts for the rather surprising decision to give the Bechers the Biennale's sculpture prize.

The U.S. Pavilion got a prize for its presentation of the "socially utilitarian" work of Jenny Holzer.

Holzer has made herself known by using luminous, light-emitting diode signs, billboards, plaques, T-shirts, and so forth to convey a range of flat statements ("RAISE

BOYS AND GIRLS THE SAME WAY," "RELIGION CREATES AS MANY PROBLEMS AS IT SOLVES"). In Venice these are inscribed both on LED signs, on the specially created, diamond-patterned marble floor of the pavilion, and on a series of stone benches.

The statements are ambiguous and sometimes contradictory. One suspects that some of them represent the artist's views, while others are her neutral rendering of current commonplaces. The public has reacted with irritation or approval in the past, when such formulations were put up in various parts of New York. Part of the irritation may be provoked by the fact that the material form of these statements (print-

ed, in lights, carved in stone) gives them a semi-official aspect, but partly too by the very anonymity of the procedure she has chosen.

Poland's Jozef Szajna's expressionistic environment is explicitly devoted to the Holocaust, a delicate subject that generally is more effectively approached through understatement than through the glibly composed of glass-eyed puppets and prostheses that Szajna favors.

The French have decided to re-vamp or rebuild their pavilion and are showing models of the three proposals under consideration. It is rumored that only one of the models is actually under consideration (that of Jean Nouvel), the other two

(Christian de Portzamparc and Philippe Starck) being there merely for show.

The Soviet Pavilion was awarded a citation that amounts in fact to a political seal of approval. The exhibition is presented as a dialogue between works by a number of Soviet artists and a large piece that Robert Rauschenberg offered the Artists' Union in Moscow, and which here occupies the place of honor.

Two African countries, Nigeria and Zimbabwe, are participating for the first time, the latter with carved and polished stone pieces by sculptors working in the well-known Vukutu workshop. The presence of these countries marked

a breakthrough that, in the jury's view, deserved a citation.

A section of the central pavilion is devoted to a show entitled "Ambiente Berlin" and to artists, German and foreign, working there. Taking the whole thing globally, which is patently unfair but practically unavoidable in such a context (we are being shown "Berlin" rather than individual artists), one cannot help thinking that too many of these artists share the assumption of third-rate actors according to which the power of emotions is best measured in decibels.

Some pieces by Ed Kienholz, with their usual mixture of nostalgia and grim irony, emerge from this glut, as do some big transparent paintings of surfaces by Lili Engel and Raffael Rheinberg's eloquent, Minimalist memento to wartime forced labor composed of hundreds of shoes and gloves used by these workers, which he quite fortuitously acquired.

An exhibition has been devoted to the distinguished sculptor Eduardo Chillida, and another to a retrospective of the latter-day Dadaist movement known as Fluxus.

The Aperto section devoted to younger artists, located, as in former years, in the splendid old Arsenale, is a predictable, indiscriminate mix of Minimalism, conceptualism, political fire and brimstone and kitsch that turns the various "alcoves" of the building into so many circus sideshows. Not all are deserving of this sort of comparison: the German Gina Lee Felber has created an engagingly fragile structure of wires on a white ground. But here too, the loud-mouths tend to take over the party with their platitudes and preaching.

On the kitsch side, we have Jeff Koons, husband of Cecilia, the light-studied Botticelli of porn, whose offerings include a polychrome sculpture and various oversized photos of himself and his flower-crowned partner. There are a number of other, equally circusy contributions.

Many years ago, Marcel Duchamp observed that art in the early decades of this century had been a "laboratory," whereas, in later years it had become diluted for the purpose of marketing. Today the problem appears to be further complicated by the fact that most artists seem to be fleeing the silent center of art, where solitary individuals like Kapoor can still be found, and settling in the convivial beer-halls at its noisy, self-assertive and self-righteous periphery.

The Arctic Exile Of a Naughty Earl

By Claire Frankel

LONDON — Hugh Lowther, fifth Earl of Lonsdale (1857-1944), wasn't any good at playing the Victorian game. Having a mistress was acceptable, so long as the curtain remained closed — but the exuberant earl openly relished his exploits. The Prince of Wales (Edward VII) was not amused by Lonsdale's liaison with his own favorite, Lillie Langtry. And when the earl became enamored of the actress Violet Cameron, her husband

ther for the earldom nor for a career or profession; rather, by default, he was destined to demonstrate his skill in fox-hunting and other sport.

The earl returned from his arctic exploits to a sporting hero's welcome. He apparently lived happily ever after with his wife (while continuing to support Violet and their child).

The exhibition scene at the Museum of Mankind is set with a romantic oil portrait of his lordship wearing a fur hood and holding a hatchet. Nearby stands a sled pulled by eight huskies. Cases overflow with implements: chisels, arrows, knives in skin sheaths decorated with porcupine quillwork and carved wooden ladders.

When the earl finished his lengthy trek in northwest Canada and Alaska, he wound down into California, then traveled east to New York. American newspapers were unkind. A displayed clipping from the Tribune in Duluth, Minnesota, reported that "nothing ever increases the palpitations of an English earl's heart except a bewitching American heiress, and then the palpitations become normal the moment she makes him her banker."

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ECONOMIC SCENE

New Long-Term Estimate
On Thrifts: \$1 TrillionBy Leonard Silk
New York Times Service

NEW YORK—The cost of the U.S. savings and loan bailout could be a lot larger than anyone has expected—indeed, more than \$1 trillion. In the most comprehensive look at the problem to date, the Stanford Law and Policy Review has tried, in a series of articles in its spring issue, to take the full measure of the crisis and the costs of a bailout.

The estimates in the Review, based on reports of the Office of Management and Budget, the General Accounting Office and the U.S. League of Savings Institutions, are that the costs will come to \$456.3 billion over the 10-year period ending in 1999.

The accounting office, the investigative arm of Congress, has put the cost at \$325 billion to \$500 billion over three decades.

But the costs will go on rising as taxpayers put up the money to pay off bondholders. The Stanford Review, published by Stanford University, presents a second table extending the costs over 40 years, since the rescue is being financed with 30- to 40-year bonds. The total cost estimate climbs to \$1,369 billion.

That figure breaks down into three categories: the initial \$456.3 billion; \$274.8 billion for interest on non-Treasury debt during the years 2000 to 2029, and \$638.8 billion for Treasury debt from 2000 to 2029.

That projection assumes that all costs except interest end by 1999. And it excludes the interest costs of borrowing to pay Treasury interest, that is, the compounding effect of paying interest on interest.

Some administration economists have been seeking to minimize the costs of the bailout by discounting the outlays, at interest rates assumed to continue at about their present level, back to their present value, as though they represented an investment decision.

But Charles L. Schultze, a senior fellow of the Brookings Institution, regards the present-value method of estimating the costs of the bailout as inappropriate to its continuing costs. Money for interest payments will still have to be raised from taxpayers, year after year.

M. R. SCHULTZE said in an interview that the cost of paying off depositors would come to about \$160 billion plus interest of roughly \$13 billion a year "forever," assuming an average interest rate of only about 8 percent.

He says it would be more sensible to create a sinking fund to pay off the bonds in, say, 16 years; that would raise the annual cost to taxpayers to about \$22 billion from \$13 billion, but would hold the total cost of the bailout to about a third of the Stanford Review's 40-year cost estimate of \$1.3 trillion.

Joseph A. Grundfest, who served as a commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission from 1983 to 1990 and is now teaching at the Stanford Law School, contends in his article in the Review that the savings crisis was caused primarily by underpriced deposit insurance and inadequate supervision by the regulators.

This, he asserts, was no accident but was a result of intense lobbying by the U.S. League. The league declined the Review's invitation to contribute to its symposium.

"Although the losses generated by hundreds of poorly or criminally managed thrifts came to dominate the industry," Mr. Grundfest writes, "well-managed S&Ls wanted no part of the fiscal arrangements that characterized much of the industry's behavior."

He notes that Warren E. Buffett, an investor, took his solvent and well-managed savings institution out of the league, describing its lobbying campaign as "so flawed, indeed disgraceful" that he was resigning.

Even if one believes that the savings crisis is now past, Mr. Grundfest writes, "well-managed S&Ls wanted no part of the fiscal arrangements that characterized much of the industry's behavior."

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MARKET DIARY

Late Surge Pushes Stocks Above 2,900

United Press International
NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange ended sharply higher Friday in active trading as the Dow industrials extended gains late in the day to top 2,900, a record.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had eased 1.90 on Thursday, rose 24.31 to 2,900.97.

N.Y. Stocks

The previous record was 2,878.56, set on Wednesday.

Among broad market ranges, the New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.09 to 198.03 and Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 1.93 to 363.16, another record high. It was set in each session this week. The price of an average share rose 20 cents.

Advances led declines by about a 5-3 ratio. Volume totaled 187.86 million shares, up from 165.69 million shares traded Thursday. Expectations of lower interest rates fueled the gains.

The market opened sharply higher, with the Dow industrials up more than 20 points, after the government issued an unexpectedly weak report on May employment.

The jobsless rate fell to 5.3 percent, but the growth of 164,000 jobs was almost all due to the hiring of tem-

porary workers for the 1990 census.

The news sent the bond market on a tear, sparking speculation that the Federal Reserve might ease credit.

But the Dow recovered lost ground as a surge of buying near the close sent the blue-chip index above 2,900. It had retreated from that level several times.

"The whole thing was that bonds were extremely strong," said Brad Weeks of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. "Interest rates are coming down, the perception is that the economy is in decent shape and inflation is under control."

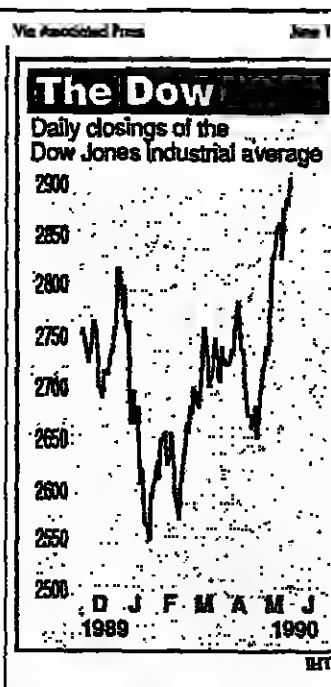
Other analysts were slightly disappointed with the market's performance in the face of a powerful rally in the bond market.

L.A. Gear was the most active issue, sinking 8 1/4 to 30 1/4 after saying it expected earnings for the quarter to be 50 cents to 60 cents a share, compared with 91 cents a year earlier.

Variety followed, up 1/4 to 43 1/4.

Philip Morris was third, up 1% to 43 1/4.

Westinghouse was also active, up 1/4 to 37 1/4. Moody's Investors Service confirmed the company's rating late Thursday, after Westinghouse announced a 20 million share stock repurchase.



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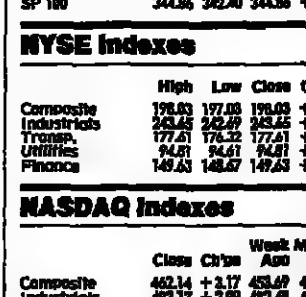
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Currency Options

PHILADELPHIA EXCHANGE

Underlying	Option	Call	Put	Settle	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg.
1990/91	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100

Standard & Poor's Indexes

Index	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Industrials	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Utilities	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
SP 500	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
SP 100	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100

NYSE Most Active

Symbol	High	Low	Close	Chg.
IBM	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Microsoft	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Apple	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Oracle	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100

AMEX Most Active

Symbol	High	Low	Close	Chg.
IBM	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Microsoft	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Apple	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Oracle	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100

NYSE Diary

Symbol	High	Low	Close	Chg.
IBM	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Microsoft	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Apple	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Oracle	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100

AMEX Diary

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IBM	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Microsoft	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
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Oracle	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100

NASDAQ Diary

Symbol	High	Low	Close	Chg.
IBM	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Microsoft	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Apple	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Oracle	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100

European Commodities

CLIP

Commodity	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Oil	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Gold	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Silver	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Copper	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100

Dividends

Company	Dividend	Yield
IBM	100/100	100/100
Microsoft	100/100	100/100
Apple	100/100	100/100
Oracle	100/100	100/100

Spot Commodities

Commodity	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Oil	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Gold	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Silver	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Copper	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100

U.S. FUTURES

CLIP

Commodity	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Oil	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Gold	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Silver	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Copper	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100

Grains

Commodity	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Wheat	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Corn	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Soybeans	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100
Rice	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100

EUROPE

Rank Launches Bid for Mecca

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
LONDON — Rank Organization PLC, the travel and leisure conglomerate, launched Friday an all-stock offer for Mecca Leisure Group PLC that values it at \$212 million (\$859 million).

Mecca rejected the bid, which it called "opportunistic." The company said that the offer undervalued it, and advised shareholders to take no action.

Rank is offering 90.9 pence in new Rank ordinary shares for each Mecca ordinary share and 75 pence in new Rank convertible preferred shares for each Mecca convertible preferred share. Mecca's shares were two pence higher, at 86, on the London Stock Exchange, while Rank said 15 pence to 80 pence.

Rank said Mecca's financial position had deteriorated sharply since its \$752 million acquisition of the leisure concern Pleasureama in October 1988.

Mecca's net debt at the end of 1989 was \$353.8 million, 110 percent of shareholders' funds, and by

April this year Mecca's debt had risen to £460 million, Rank said.

Mecca has set in motion a £250 million program of asset sales to reduce its debt, but Rank said it believed the company was pressured into doing so.

Rank said the merged group would be financially strong and the strategy of Mecca's businesses could then be directed by commercial considerations rather than balance-sheet pressures.

"These proposed advances offer our strategy of profitable growth in leisure and entertainment," said the Rank chief executive, Michael Gifford. "After due consideration of the merits of the case, we believe that the directors of Mecca will feel able to recommend our proposed offer in the best interests of all their shareholders."

He said he believes the offer represents good value, "given Mecca's poor current performance, financial weakness and the consequent downgrading of analysts' forecasts."

Mecca had a pretax profit of \$91.1 million for calendar 1989 on sales of \$588.4 million.

For the year ended Oct. 31, 1989, Rank reported a pretax profit of \$291.1 million on sales of £1.09 billion.

In a statement, Rank said its bid is contingent on confirmation from Britain's Panel on Takeovers and Mergers that Mecca's convertible preferred shares would not be treated as equity share capital.

Failure to approve that precondition would undercut Rank's ordinary share offer of 75 pence, making it worth only 56.1 pence, Rank said.

Rank, whose interests range from hotel and restaurant chains in Britain and the United States to international film production and distribution and sale of broadcast equipment, said it had invested over £1 billion during the past five years in existing operations and acquisitions.

(AFP, Reuters)

Schimberni Resigns Italian Railways Post

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
ROME — Mario Schimberni, the commissioner who attempted to modernize Italy's loss-making and scandal-ridden state railroads, has resigned after a controversial 18 months in office.

Mr. Schimberni, 66, who won renown as a manager as chairman of the Montedison SpA chemicals concern, which he returned to profitability, was appointed special commissioner of the railroads in 1988 after the mass resignation of board members over a fraud scandal.

He came up with a plan to cut back staff sharply, raise train fares, cut costs and invest in modernizing the rail infrastructure. But Mr. Schimberni repeatedly ran into barriers from Italian unions fearful of losing jobs, Italian contractors fearful of losing lucrative business and from the government itself, which largely ignored his proposals.

In a letter sent to Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti and Transport Minister Carlo Bernini on Thursday night, Mr. Schimberni said he considered his mandate over and suggested that the railroad system should be partially privatized.

Mr. Schimberni's appointment to the Ferrovie dello Stato, as the state railroads are known, was hailed as a move toward bringing professional managerial skills into a post that had largely been a political one.

His predecessor, former Christian Democrat politician Ludovico Ligato, resigned amid a scandal for awarding a 152 billion lire (\$123 million) contract for bus lines, and was gunned down outside his home in Calabria a few months later.

(Reuters, AP)

Michelin Seeks Dutch Tiremaker

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
PARIS — Michelin & Co., the world's biggest tiremaker, announced Friday that its Kleber unit had started talks on a possible purchase of the tire subsidiary of Vredestein NV of the Netherlands.

Vredestein Banden, wholly owned by the Dutch concern, makes passenger-car and farm-machinery tires in Enschede, the Netherlands, and has annual sales of about 300 million guilders (\$158 million). It has 1,450 employees.

The planned move follows Michelin's acquisition in 1989 of Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Co. of the United States, the latest in a series of consolidations in the tire industry.

Michelin paid \$1.5 billion for Uniroyal, pushing the combined entity ahead of the former world leader, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of the United States.

In 1988, Bridgestone Corp. of Japan took over Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. of the United States, while the year before, General Tire Inc. was bought by Continental AG of West Germany.

Kleber said the Vredestein acquisition would enable it to benefit from the complementary nature of the two firms' markets, especially in Europe.

The French firm added that the talks do not concern other Vredestein NV activities, such as tires for two-wheeled vehicles, synthetic rubber and other industrial products.

(AFP, Reuters)

Investor's Europe

Frankfurt	London	Paris
Commerzbank	F.T. 100 Index	C.A.C. 40
2500	2500	2200
2400	2400	2100
2300	2300	2000
2200	2200	1900
2100	2100	1800
2000	2000	1700
1900	1900	1600
1800	1800	1500
1700	1700	1400
1600	1600	1300
1500	1500	1200
1400	1400	1100
1300	1300	1000
1200	1200	900
1100	1100	800
1000	1000	700
900	900	600
800	800	500
700	700	400
600	600	300
500	500	200
400	400	100
300	300	0
200	200	0
100	100	0
0	0	0
Exchange	Index	Friday Close
Amsterdam	CBS Trend	121.10
Brussels	Stock Index	6304.75
Frankfurt	Commerzbank	2285.00
Frankfurt	DAX	1856.95
Helsinki	UNITAS	577.20
London	Financial Times 30	1882.40
London	FT-SE 100	2371.40
Madrid	General Index	284.68
Milan	MB	1093.80
Paris	CAC 40	2067.60
Stockholm	Aktiesvarlden	1251.00
Zurich	SBS	678.10
		Prev. Close
		% Change
		+0.37
		+0.47
		+0.71
		-0.49
		+1.48
		+1.12
		-0.06
		+0.30
		-0.94
		+0.69
		+1.03

Source: AFP

International Herald Tribune

Sweden's OM Sets Up Austria Market

STOCKHOLM — The Swedish options exchange, Stockholms Optionsbörse OM, said Friday that it had been chosen to establish an Austrian options and futures exchange.

The Austrian exchange is to open in the middle of 1991. OM said that it was finalizing negotiations with Österreichische Termin- & Optionsbörse about providing data systems, marketing and educational programs.

The Swedish concern said establishment costs would be 50 million kronor (\$8.2 million). OM will not own a stake in the exchange.

OM, which also has operations in Spain, Norway and Britain, bowed out of the French market in April after failing to establish itself despite two years of effort.

Suez's East German Move Could Be Too Little, Too Late

By Jacques Neher

Special to The Herald Tribune
PARIS — An effort by a unit of Compagnie Financière de Suez to secure a stake in East Germany's insurance monopoly is a key move in the French conglomerate's strategy to develop its new insurance arm, analysts said Friday.

But they said they doubted that the Suez-controlled Colonia Versicherung AG and six other West German insurance companies would ultimately succeed in outbidding Allianz AG Holding for a stake in the East German insurance monopoly, Staatsliche Versicherung der DDR.

"Given the time frame, it may be too little too late," said Simon Rudolph, an insurance analyst with Morgan Stanley in London.

He said that a decision by the East German authorities on the bids would probably have to be made before July, when the two Germanys are to enter into monetary union. This, he said, automatically gives the advantage to Allianz, Western Europe's largest insurer, which submitted its bid for a 49 percent holding in the monopoly in March.

The counterbid, announced by Colonia Thursday, was seen as the first move by Suez to bolster its insurance business since its 25.5 billion-franc (\$4.5 billion) takeover in September of Compagnie Industrielle and its principal insurance holding, Groupe Victoire. A few months earlier, Victoire had purchased control of Colonia for 10 billion francs.

"Undoubtedly, it would be to Victoire-Colonia's advantage, and therefore to Suez's advantage, to get a slice of this business," Mr. Rudolph said, adding that the transaction could boost Colonia's profits considerably.

"East Germany will be a great insurance market, no doubt about it," said Philippe Tannenbaum, an analyst with the Paris brokerage Guy-Havette. "This is a very aggressive strategic move by Suez to develop its insurance business."

Analysts say East Germany is ripe for rapid development of life insurance and pension plans, areas that up to now have been covered by the state but that will necessarily become the domain of the private sector after reunification.

The East German state insurer has limited its activities to nonpersonal lines, such as export insurance. Also in line to profit, if the Co-

lonia-led counterbid succeeds, is France's largest state-owned insurance group, Union Assurances de Paris. After the takeover battle last fall, UAP bought from Suez a 34 percent stake in the insurance group.

Also buying up minority shares were Balcica Holding A/S of Denmark and Dai-ichi Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Japan, which each obtained 5 percent stakes. With that transaction, Suez's share in the industrial was reduced to 51 percent and its direct holding in Victoire slimmed to 26.4 percent.

The counterbid for the East German insurance group is the second initiative by Suez in Eastern Europe this year. In March, Suez German Capital Partners, a 100 million-Denmark mark (\$59 million) investment fund, took a 20 percent

stake in Berliner Elektro Ost, a holding company that is to provide capital to new companies in East Germany and Hungary.

Besides financial services and insurance, Suez also has industrial holdings by virtue of its control of Société Générale de Belgique, which it won in a 1983 takeover battle with the Italian entrepreneur Carlo De Benedetti.

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Gotthard Bank Links to Milan

Reuters

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Stock	High	Low	Open	Close	Volume	Change	52-Week High	52-Week Low	Dividend	Yield	P/E Ratio	Notes
AT&T	118 1/8	117 3/4	118 1/8	117 3/4	1,100,000	+ 1/8	118 1/8	117 3/4	1.00	4.25	15.0	
IBM	144 1/4	143 3/4	144 1/4	143 3/4	1,200,000	+ 1/4	144 1/4	143 3/4	1.00	4.25	15.0	
GE	124 1/4	123 3/4	124 1/4	123 3/4	1,300,000	+ 1/4	124 1/4	123 3/4	1.00	4.25	15.0	
Westinghouse	118 1/4	117 3/4	118 1/4	117 3/4	1,400,000	+ 1/4	118 1/4	117 3/4	1.00	4.25	15.0	
General Electric	124 1/4	123 3/4	124 1/4	123 3/4	1,500,000	+ 1/4	124 1/4	123 3/4	1.00	4.25	15.0	
Rockwell	118 1/4	117 3/4	118 1/4	117 3/4	1,600,000	+ 1/4	118 1/4	117 3/4	1.00	4.25	15.0	
Boeing	124 1/4	123 3/4	124 1/4	123 3/4	1,700,000	+ 1/4	124 1/4	123 3/4	1.00	4.25	15.0	
Lockheed	118 1/4	117 3/4	118 1/4	117 3/4	1,800,000	+ 1/4	118 1/4	117 3/4	1.00	4.25	15.0	
Northrop	124 1/4	123 3/4	124 1/4	123 3/4	1,900,000	+ 1/4	124 1/4	123 3/4	1.00	4.25	15.0	
Grumman	118 1/4	117 3/4	118 1/4	117 3/4	2,000,000	+ 1/4	118 1/4	117 3/4	1.00	4.25	15.0	
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Northrop	118 1/4	117 3/4	118 1/4	117 3/4	2,400,000	+ 1/4	118 1/4	117 3/4	1.00	4.25	15.0	
Grumman	124 1/4	123 3/4	124 1/4	123 3/4	2,500,000	+ 1/4	124 1/4	123 3/4	1.00	4.25	15.0	
McDonnell Douglas	118 1/4	117 3/4	118 1/4	117 3/4	2,600,000	+ 1/4	118 1/4	117 3/4	1.00	4.25	15.0	
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Sales (figures are unofficial). Yearly highs and lows reflect the previous 52 weeks plus current month and the lowest of the previous

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China's \$4 Billion Jet Order Sends Political Signal to U.S.

By Ralph Vartabedian

Los Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES — Analysts said that China's \$4 billion order of commercial jets from Boeing Co. seemed aimed at sending a political signal to Washington just a week after it extended most-favored nation trade status to Beijing.

"Clearly, this deal has a political message to it," said Richard Baum, a China expert at the University of California, Los Angeles. "The Chinese are trying to win friends and influence people in Washington and the business community. And it is a pretty good way of doing it."

The Bush administration's decision to extend the status to China came despite substantial Congressional opposition growing out of the Tiananmen Square repression a year ago.

Boeing officials were outspoken in their advocacy of most-favored nation status for China during the period when the company was negotiating the sales deal, which included 36 firm orders and 36 options covering all four of Boeing's principal aircraft types.

"We have been a strong supporter of the favored-nation clause for China and obviously you could say it was because of this order, but it isn't really so," said James F. Chortson, a Boeing vice president for international sales in the Asia region. "This is absolutely necessary for continued good relations between our side and their side."

But Mr. Chortson added later: "This sale is a very meaningful measure of why favored-nation status is a necessary thing between our two countries."

Mr. Baum termed the sale a "barometer" that China is changing before U.S. business interests and said the timing of the deal just several days after President George Bush announced his decision on most-favored nation status is a matter of "politics and diplomacy." It was left unclear whether the Boeing sale was an issue in negotiations over the favored-nation status.

The aircraft deal, believed to be the largest-ever

international order by China, will substantially reduce the trade deficit that the United States has been running with China. Last year, China exported \$12 billion-worth of goods to the United States, while it imported just \$6 billion-worth of U.S. merchandise.

Boeing officials declined to discuss the delivery dates for the aircraft or the financing terms, though a spokesman said the company seldom agrees to barter arrangements.

Mr. Baum, along with banking experts interviewed Thursday, said the \$4 billion order should not represent a financial problem for China. He noted that the country has between \$12 billion and \$16 billion in hard-currency reserves and that the \$4 billion to Boeing would not have to be paid all in one year. The banking experts added that China has relatively low debt ratios relative to its overall economy and that its austerity measures imposed in recent years are being relaxed.

Despite China's large currency reserves, Mr. Chortson said, "I am sure it will be a struggle. They have an awful lot of demands on their foreign currency."

The sale was made to the Civil Aviation Administration of China, and the jets will be used by Air China, Guangzhou CAAC, China Southwest Airlines and other airlines. Boeing officials said China had purchased 101 Boeing aircraft since 1972.

"Boeing was the first U.S. company to sell to China in 1972," said Dean Thornton, president of Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, in a statement. "Ten 707s valued at about \$125 million were ordered then and deliveries began the next year."

The 36 firm orders include six 747s, four 767s, 13 737s and 13 737s. Three of the 737s had been announced previously, a Boeing statement said.

China's largest deal prior to the Boeing sale involved a \$3.5 billion agreement between China's Baoshan Iron & Steel Works and Japanese and West German steel makers, in 1978.

China Said to Punish Bank of Tokyo

Reuters

TOKYO — The Beijing central bank has ordered Chinese financial institutions to stop dealing with Bank of Tokyo to punish it for opening an office in Taipei, Kyodo News Service reported Friday.

The Japanese agency quoted international financial sources as saying the People's Bank of China was making the move mainly to frighten other Japanese banks away from Taiwan and also to punish Japanese banks for not providing loans over the past year.

Japan and Western governments suspended new official credits to China in June 1989 to protest at Beijing's military crackdown on student-led protest; most Japanese commercial banks followed suit.

Bank of Tokyo's head office had no immediate comment on the Kyodo report.

Last Saturday, a spokesman for the People's Bank of China was quoted in a Beijing newspaper as criticizing the Japanese bank over the Taipei office and saying it would bear responsibility for the consequences.

Earlier Friday, a spokesman for Bank of Tokyo said it planned to go ahead with its Taipei plans despite the criticism. The office is the first new Japanese bank presence in Taiwan for 30 years.

Last month, Taiwan agreed to let Bank of Tokyo open an office there. Prior approval at home of the bank's move marked a change in the Japanese Foreign Ministry's long-standing tacit opposition to such a presence on the island.

Japanese banks are eager to open branches in Taiwan, but their advance has been stalled by government divisions in China and conse-

quent caution in Tokyo boardrooms, Japanese government officials and bankers said.

As a result, Taiwan's rich harvest is likely to be reaped, for at least the next two years, not by the Japanese but by their European and North American rivals.

When China opened its doors in 1978, Japanese banks rushed in, leaving Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank as the only one with a branch in Taiwan. The mainland, with its one billion people, was to be the new source of riches, not Taiwan, with just 20 million.

Since 1988, and especially since last June's crackdown, the tables have turned. China's country-risk rating has worsened and it has bor-

rowed little, while Taiwan has \$70 billion in foreign-exchange reserves.

"The subject remains too sensitive," a Japanese government official said. "The Ministry of Finance wants the banks to open in Taiwan but will not allow it to happen too fast, or too many banks to go at one time, to save China's face."

"Bank of Tokyo is different from other Japanese banks," an Asian diplomat said, "because it specializes in foreign business and has been so active in doing loans for China. It is a symbol of Japan's overseas trade."

"The Chinese government itself is split on the issue," this diplomat said.

2 Asian Institutions to Buy 15% Stake in Morning Post

Reuters

HONG KONG — Two Southeast Asian institutional investors have promised to take up a total of 15 percent of the stock of South China Morning Post Ltd. when the Hong Kong newspaper concern is floated by News Corp., a source close to one of the lead underwriters said Friday.

The rest of the shares for sale, representing about 34 percent of the whole company, will go to the public through private placement and public offering at a ratio of 50:50, the source said.

News Corp., the cash-hungry publishing concern controlled by Rupert Murdoch, is ready to float slightly less than half of its stake in

South China Morning Post next week for over two billion Hong Kong dollars (at least \$256 million), market sources said.

"News Corp. will be able to cover its initial investment from the sale, but still maintain a firm control of this, one of the most profitable newspapers in the world," said a banker.

Sources said the paper expects a net profit of 450 million dollars for the financial year to June 1990.

The price of the share sale is likely to be fixed on the basis of a current price/earnings ratio of about 10.5 times, according to a merchant banker. It will give the company a total market capitalization of about 4.5 billion dollars.

Investor's Asia

Hong Kong Hang Seng	Singapore Straits Times	Tokyo Nikkei 225
220	150	4000
200	140	3800
180	130	3600
160	120	3400
140	110	3200
120	100	3000
100	90	2800
80	80	2600
60	70	2400
40	60	2200
20	50	2000
0	40	1800
1980	1980	1980
1990	1990	1990
Exchange	Index	Friday Close
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	1555.81
Singapore	Straits Times	1533.64
Sydney	All Ordinaries	1512.10
Tokyo	Nikkei 225	3289.12
Kuala Lumpur	Composite	586.54
Bangkok	Book Club	884.97
Seoul	Composite Stock	803.64
Taipei	Weighted Price	7664.48
Manila	Composite	817.30
New Zealand	Barclays	1805.34
Bombay	National Index	N.A.
		429.74

Sources: Reuters, AFP

Lim Loses Bid to Ease Kamunting Debt Load

Reuters

KUALA LUMPUR — A proposal by the Malaysian businessman Lim Thian Kiat to sell off a large property has been rejected, confounding his plans to settle debts of his fast-growing conglomerate Kamunting Corp.

Mr. Lim, 30, had hoped for a cash windfall through the sale of a 575 hectare (1,420 acre) real estate project held by Magnum Corp. to help pay for Kamunting's 592 million ringgit (\$219.3 million) partial takeover of Multi-Purpose Holdings Bhd. last June, analysts said.

An investment analyst said that Mr. Lim had few other options left to raise funds, which he desperately needed to reduce his company's debt-equity ratio.

The failure to sell the property also set back Mr. Lim's battle for control of Kamunting against his rival Vincent Tan Chee Yoon's Inter Pacific Industrial Group.

Multi-Purpose holds 39.78 percent of Kamunting, a lucrative gaming and real estate concern with 1989 sales of 700 million ringgit.

Mr. Lim had hoped to sell the project to his family-controlled company, Kuala Lumpur Land, for 180 million ringgit, and then to float Kuala Lumpur Land to raise cash to pay off debts, analysts said. But the Kamunting board rejected

the sale without giving reasons. Analysts say Mr. Lim's offer was well below the property's true earning potential. Mr. Lim could not be reached for comment.

Mr. Lim was catapulted to prominence last June when Kamunting, also controlled by his family, staged Malaysia's second-largest takeover with its acquisition of a 28.9 percent controlling interest in Multi-Purpose. He has put Multi-Purpose through a restructuring but retained control of Kamunting.

The failure of the property sale marks Mr. Lim's second setback in a month in his battle for Kamunting with Mr. Tan, 38, a close associate of Finance Minister Daim Zainuddin.

Mr. Tan's Inter-Pacific, with assets of 1.4 billion ringgit, acquired a 23.52 percent stake in Kamunting early this year to expand his thriving betting and lottery business.

Mr. Lim had hoped that Mr. Tan would be forced out of the Kamunting tussle for violating securities laws when the latter failed to obtain regulatory approvals before buying Kamunting shares.

Mr. Daim, however, ruled in favor of Mr. Tan last month. Analysts say Mr. Tan, who has objected to Mr. Lim's plans to sell Kamunting's property, can continue to foil the latter's plans.

Sri Lanka's Plan to 'People-ize' State Firms Moves Forward

Reuters

COLOMBO — Sri Lanka's plans to privatize state enterprises are gathering steam and the public will soon be offered shares in companies ranging from textile mills to a restaurant, officials said Friday.

Privatization, which the government calls "people-ization," is a major part of wide-ranging economic reforms drawn up with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

A Public Investment Management Board is overseeing the conversion of 23 state businesses into publicly owned companies.

The government hopes privatization will improve the investment climate and boost efficiency in the war-ravaged economy.

"The idea behind people-ization is to see that enterprises are owned by as wide a spectrum of the population as possible," said Shelton Wasinghe, the board's chairman, "and that the investment of government-

owned businesses won't result in a concentration of wealth but a division of wealth."

When the government launched the privatization program by selling its vehicle retailing and repair business to the public last year, there were hardly any takers. Less than one-third of the shares were sold, forcing underwriters to buy the rest.

But today, those shares have almost doubled in value, and a recent boom in the Colombo stock market suggests that new privatizations may be more enthusiastically received.

The collapse of left-wing insurgency in southern Sri Lanka, and peace talks aimed at ending the Tamil separatist rebellion in the north, have improved investor sentiment in recent months.

The Colombo Stock Exchange's share price index has jumped from 180 points in January to around 300 at the end of May. Trading turnover has also picked up.

Officials said the government would offer the public a chance to own a hotel, a restaurant, printing firms, an oxygen maker, textile mills and even a television station.

Mr. Wasinghe said the success of the privatizations would depend largely on the state of the stock market. "We want to begin the share issues as quickly as possible," he said. Dates for the issues have not yet been announced.

The next company to be privatized will be Ceylon Oxygen, the country's only producer of industrial and medical gases. The government will offer the entire share capital of the company, worth 60 million rupees (\$1.5 million).

Foreign companies will be offered 60 percent, employees 10 percent and the Sri Lankan public 30 percent.

Mr. Wasinghe said individual investors would be able to buy only a limited number

of shares in each privatization to prevent a few people from buying large parcels.

The stock exchange, with assistance from the U.S. Agency for International Development, is launching a country-wide public education program on share investment. Many people are still not familiar with the concept of a share as an investment, so this program will help, Mr. Wasinghe said.

He said he expected foreign capital to enter the Colombo stock market once the 100 percent tax on purchases of shares by foreigners is removed. A spokesman for the Finance Ministry, which sets privatization policy, said legislation to remove the tax would be put before parliament soon.

"We are also drafting regulations on matters such as how many shares can be foreign-owned," the spokesman said.

A leading brokerage said it had received several inquiries about investment from Singapore, Hong Kong and Western countries.

UOL Floating Stock in Hotels

Reuters

SINGAPORE — United Overseas Land Ltd. said Friday that it would issue new stock in its Hotel Plaza Ltd., putting 25 percent of the hotel subsidiary's shares in the hands of the public.

UOL, an associate of United Overseas Bank Ltd., said 100 million shares are to be issued to the public. UOL will retain 75 percent of the unit's enlarged capital. The stock has a par value of 50 Singapore cents (26.9 U.S. cents).

HPL owns the 350-room Plaza Hotel, 525-room New Park Hotel and the 90-unit Plaza service apartments. It also has commercial property.

NASDAQ

Friday's Prices
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time.
This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

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